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Koniev's Hurricane Drive On Berlin

Two German Bastions Guarding Capital Within Range Of Soviet Guns

MOSCOW, February 16: Marshal Koniev in speeding up his hurricane drive on Berlin, is today advancing on a 40-mile front within 68 miles of the south-eastern suburbs of the Reich capital, writes Reuter's Special Correspondent.

TRANS-ODER GAINS ENLARGED

Marshal Koniev's tank spearheads smashing on in the direction of Berlin after a brilliant 25-mile advance to-day menace a triangle of German cities forming a massive bastion guarding the south-eastern approaches to the capital. They are Kottbus, Guben and Forst all within 60 to 70 miles of Berlin. Guben and Forst are to-day both within the range of Soviet guns. Marshal Koniev's lightning tank strokes have in the past 24 hours enlarged his trans-Oder gains by many scores of square miles.

There has been no further news of Marshal Koniev's advance to the Neisse, 50 miles from Dresden, which was reported by the 'Pravda' yesterday. It would seem that this consisted principally of a series of tank thrusts and that Marshal Koniev is now consolidating with the main body of his armies before formally announcing these gains. There is no indication that his troops are anywhere nearer Dresden than the 50 miles reported yesterday. It has begun to rain on Marshal Koniev's front and flood waters from swollen streams have soaked the ground into soft mud. Red Army men have put on their hooded caps and are splashing forward through streaming rain with water whirling under their feet.

Further north the blackout on Marshal Zhukov's operations across the Oder is still in force. A 'Red Star' reporter, however, who has just returned from a flight over the line of the front said significantly: "It is not so far now to the banks of the Spree (on which Berlin stands) and the country villas and suburbs of Berlin."

Nazis Set Up "Summary Justice Courts"

LONDON, Feb. 16: The German News Agency to-day announced a decree from the Ministry of Justice setting up "military courts of summary justice" in areas of Germany threatened by the Allies.

The Decree establishing the courts denounces as offenders "whoever tries to evade his duties from cowardice". Such people will be handled "with necessary ruthlessness".

The decree specified that the new measure was taken on Hitler's orders.—Reuter.

Two U-Boats Sunk

LONDON, Feb. 16: At least two U-boats were sunk and three German aircraft destroyed when British naval ships and planes defended an important convoy to Russia with such success that the Germans were not able to launch even one attack against it, according to an Admiralty Communique issued to-day.—Reuter.

FOREIGN DIPLOMATS QUIT BERLIN

LONDON, Feb. 16.

The "News Chronicle" correspondent writes: "The evidence has also reached London in the last 48 hours that most of the foreign diplomats have left or are now leaving Berlin for quarters safer from possible Allied bombing raids. Papal Nuncio is believed to be among the diplomatic refugees".—United Press of India.

France To Hold Her Own

PARIS, Feb. 15: General De Gaulle speaking at a ceremony in honour of the Indo-China New Year tonight declared, "THIS YEAR IN INDO-CHINA, AS EVERYWHERE ELSE THROUGHOUT HER EMPIRE, FRANCE WILL RETAIN HER SOVEREIGNTY."

"Sorrows of France have affirmed it in a great humane ideal and in an objective view of the practical necessities of her imperial policy. We have learnt much because we have suffered much. We shall act in such a way that the destinies of the Indo-Chinese people may be better associated with the destiny of France."—Reuter.

Newspaper Proprietors' Deputation To Delhi

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 13.

A deputation of newspaper proprietors is expected to wait on the Civil Supplies Secretary Mr. H. M. Patel on February 27 in connection with their demand for larger allotment of newsprint quotas. The question of ceiling price recently fixed by Government would also be raised. This will be followed by the meeting of the Newsprint Advisory Committee on February 28.

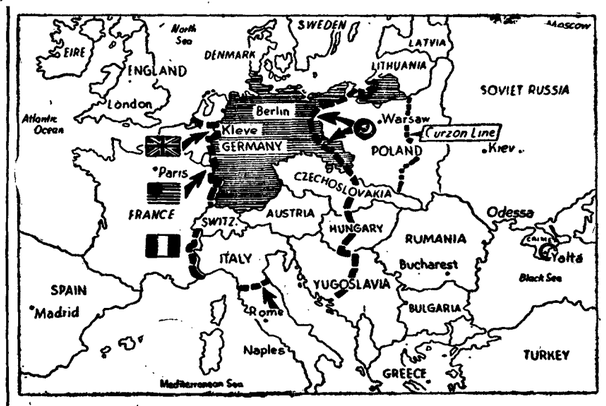
STOP PRESS

SIND TALKS FAIL

KARACHI, Feb. 17: It is reported that the talks for a settlement which commenced on Friday between Mr. G. M. Syed, President of Sind Provincial Muslim League, and Sir Ghulam Hussein Hidayatullah, the Premier, have not been successful so far.

PORTUGAL TO JOIN ALLIED NATIONS

LISBON, Feb. 16: In an important article, authoritatively inspired, the 'Journal do Comercio' declared to-day that Portugal desires to link her destinies with the world order outlined at The Big Three Conference.



The "Big Three" Conference at Yalta has promised new and even more powerful blows against the heart of Germany (shaded area) from the fronts (broken lines) in the East, West, North and South. The Conference at Yalta considered that the Eastern Polish boundary should roughly follow the Curzon Line (dotted), with Poland gaining other territories.—USOWI.

Twelve Years' Sentence For S.-E.A.C. Wing-Commander

Swindled £200,000 Out Of Wealthy Indian By Bogus Offer Of Concessions In Burma

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Feb. 16.

Wing-Commander John Prescott Hallet, S. E. A. C. Intelligence Staff Officer and member of several famous clubs in London suddenly began spending money lavishly. Investigations revealed that he had swindled more than £200,000 from a wealthy Indian by offering concessions for properties in Burma, saying that he was acting with the authority of Lord Mountbatten and forging signatures of high officers on agreements brought back from India to England where he pleaded guilty of charges of forgery, larceny and embezzlement before court-martial which sentenced him to twelve years.

Indian Involved In Black Marketing

LONDON, Feb. 15: Sensational developments involving certain Indian personalities here are likely to follow recent police action concerned with black market activities in Britain.

Mentioned in connection with these developments is an Indian trader who, after being charged on numerous counts and remanded, is said to have managed to slip out of the country.

This man is believed by the investigating authorities to be the sometime financial backer of certain Indian political activities in this country.

Investigations, it is understood involve the question of exists from and entries to Britain of Indian seamen and methods by which they may "jump" ships in British ports and engage in peddling trade here.

ANOTHER STRIKE AT TOKYO TODAY

LONDON, Feb. 16: The Japanese News Agency stated to-day: "There are indications that the enemy task force is still operating in our adjacent waters and there is held to be a strong possibility that the enemy will launch another raid on the Japanese mainland with carrier borne planes to-morrow".—

A Guam message says: Smoke was rising 7,000 feet and spreading from Tokyo to Yokohama after the Navy's raid, said an eye-witness to-day.—Reuter.

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LADY MIRZA'S JEWELLERY THEFT ECHO

Bombay Man Arrested

MADRAS, Feb. 16: A large quantity of diamonds and precious stones suspected to be the property of Lady Mirza Ismail, which she lost recently at Bombay, has been seized by the local police from an upcountry bullion merchant at Adoni, according to the Adoni correspondent of the "Indian Express". A pendant with over a hundred diamonds, eight emeralds and about forty loose diamonds were among the seized articles.

The police are also said to have arrested one Babuthmal of Bombay in this connection. It is alleged that these diamonds were given for disposal to him by one Kasho, who, it is stated, found them on Chowpathy sands.—A. P.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

(COTTON JULY)

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.

Previous Closing	21.56
Today's Opening	21.70
Difference	+14
Today's Closing	21.67
Difference	+11

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NEW YORK, Feb. 16.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:

General Motors dol 66-3/4 Anaconda Copper Mining dol. 32-1/8 United States Steel Common dol. 62-5/8 United States Steel preference unquoted.

Fortresses Over Singapore

LONDON, Feb. 15: Japanese Radio to-night said that several Superfortresses appeared over Singapore this afternoon and flew away in a north-westerly direction.—Reuter.

CALCUTTA FIRE HAVOC

CALCUTTA, Feb. 16: Some people were killed and several others injured as a result of a terrific explosion and fire which occurred at about 4 this afternoon in a firework's shop in the Chitpore Road in the Burrabazar area. A portion of the building the upper storeys of which were used as residential flats collapsed and the neighbouring houses rocked due to the explosion.

The police, Civic Guard, A. R. P. and Fire Brigade people rushed to the spot. The fire was brought under control after a hard struggle.

The people caught in the debris were extricated and the injured were sent to hospital.

An A.P. message says:—

It is now learnt that two persons died and eleven others were injured.

THREE LEAGUE CUTS FOR RAILWAY BUDGET

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16.

The Muslim League Party in the Central Assembly has decided to move three cut motions on the railway budget debate next week.

The motions will seek to discuss the Railways participation in road traffic, the appointment of a tribunal to inquire into the grievances of lower-paid staff against the orders of the superior staff and the non-observance of Government orders for giving Muslims 25 per cent of posts in the Railways.—A. P.

GRAMSEWA PROPERTIES TO BE RETURNED

WARDHAGANJ, Feb. 16.

The Provincial Government have decided to relinquish possession of the notified places of which the District Magistrate, Wardha, had taken possession in pursuance of the notifications of the Political and Military Departments, of June 12 and 30 1943.

The Authorities announced this decision to the public by beat of drums last night. As a result of this decision, the undisposed immovable property of the Gramsewa Mandal will, it is understood, be returned to the Mandal or its nominee.

It will be recalled that the Nalwadi Ashram was seized by the Government in connection with the Pownar Sabotage Case.—United Press.

WORLD T. U. C. DEMANDS TRIAL OF MIKADO

Plea For Ending Exploitation Of Colonies And Dependencies

LONDON, Feb. 16.—One of the main points in the peace programme discussed by the World Trade Union Conference here today demanded that the Mikado of Japan should be brought to court for Japanese war crimes.

The programme declared, in the name of the Trade Unions whose countries are at war with Japan, that "the principles outlined as applying to the Peace Settlement to be imposed on Germany are equally applicable to Japan, and in particular that the Mikado shall not be allowed to escape his responsibility for acts of Japanese militarism: that the Japanese Empire shall be replaced by a Democratic Republic, and that the terms of the Cairo Declaration shall be rigidly applied in regard to those territories which Japan has seized in the course of her campaigns of aggression."

The point was raised earlier in the conference by a Chinese spokesman.

The programme fully endorses the Big Three's Yalta decisions, but goes far beyond them in its proposals to safeguard the interests of International Labour. It is suggested that the Trade Union Movement should be represented on a consultative basis at the coming San Francisco Conference and on Security, Economic and Social Councils of the future world organisation. It advocates international control not only of the German heavy industry but of the transport and banking systems and the big Junkers estates, and lays down the principle that if German Labour is used in the restoration work in destroyed countries there should be international supervision, with Trade Union participation so as not to allow it to degenerate into slave labour and reduce the standard of other workers.

The programme also endorses the demand for ending the economic exploitation of the Colonies and dependent territories by giving self-government to the Colonies and facilitating the formation of Trades Unions there. It asks that Jews should be taken under special protection of the future international authority and supports a continuation of the building of a Jewish national home in Palestine. This point was opposed in the Conference by the Arab Workers' Society delegate Asfour.

WHITE HOUSE REBUFF TO REUTERS

No Non-American To Cover Roosevelt's Press Conference

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16: The White House has declined to give any assurance that non-American correspondents will be allowed to cover the Press Conference about "The Big Three" meeting which President Roosevelt it expected to hold somewhere abroad before his return to America.

A group of White House correspondents has already left Washington by air for the President's present headquarters and according to an Associated Press of America dispatch from Paris, President Roosevelt is "preparing to receive White House correspondents flown from Washington".

The White House has given a negative answer to requests from Reuters' Washington Bureau that, in accordance with "the freedom of information" principle endorsed by Congress by which equal access to news sources would be assured to all Reuters should be granted the same privileges and facilities as those being accorded to American news agencies in the coverage of this story of world-wide interest. It is recalled that dissatisfaction was expressed by the British Press when British, Russian and other European correspondents were excluded from the Press Conferences given by Mr. Harry Hopkins in Europe before the Yalta talks.

The White House policy is believed to have been influenced by widespread Press criticism in the United States that Mr. Churchill has "scooped" the American Press repeatedly on reports of these Conferences and other major war developments in his addresses in the House of Commons.—Reuter.

BOMBAY V. NORTHERN INDIA

Initial debacle, Abdul Hafeez's brilliant 145 and steady recovery were the highlights of the Northern India team against Bombay in the semi-final of the Ranji Trophy on Friday. Visitors were able to pile up 309 for 6 wickets.

(Details on Page 7)

Warheyen Captured

S.H.A.E.F. PARIS, Feb. 16: General Eisenhower's 'Communique' to-day said: "Allied forces have captured Warheyen, north-east of Cleve, and advanced beyond it toward the Rhine.

"South of the Reichswald Forest we extended our bridgehead across the river Niers and captured Kessel and Hommersun, despite stiffening enemy resistance. Fortified towns in the Pruem sector were attacked by our fighter bombers."

Artillery Duels In Italy

Allied Mediterranean Hq., Feb. 16: To-day's Allied Communique said:

"Activity on both fronts was confined to patrol clashes and artillery duels.

Fifteenth U. S. Strategic Air Force struck at rail communications and oil targets in the Vienna area for the third successive day. Aircraft of the Balkan Air Force bombed oil storage targets and communications lines in Yugoslavia.

ANOTHER SLIGHT WITHDRAWAL BY ALLIES

Allied Hq., Italy, Feb. 16: A slight withdrawal has been made on the Fifth Army front on the extreme left flank along the main road south of Massa, where the Negro Ninety-Second Division recently had to yield ground, wires Reuter's Special Correspondent. It follows aggressive probing by Germans patrols. In the face of this pressure Allied troops withdrew from the southern slopes of Monte Camala just east of the main highway to Spezia, the naval port 20 miles beyond.

India Estate Duty Bill In Commons

LONDON, Feb. 16: The India Estate Duty Bill was given second reading in the House of Commons to-day without further debate and without division.—Reuter.

Sind Govt.'s Offensive On Congress M.L.A's.

Restrictions On Assembly Party Leader And Two Other Members

KARACHI, February 16.

The question whether the Congress members of the Sind Assembly at present outside jail will be allowed to attend the forthcoming budget session of the Sind Assembly is being asked in Assembly circles here.

It was officially stated to-day that an order has been passed under the Restriction and Detention Ordinance against Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, Leader of the Congress Assembly Party, directing him not to participate in any processions or public meetings. Mr. Sidhwa is, however, allowed to attend the meetings of the Municipal Corporation.

A similar order was served on Seth Issardas Varandmal who was released last week. Another member, Mr. Newandram, is interned in his home district of Nawabshah. It is considered likely that restrictions may also be placed on Lala Mengnraj, who was prevented from attending the last session of the Assembly.

The remaining three members, namely, Dr. Popatlal Bhoopatkar, Mr. Naraindas Bechar and Miss Jethi Sipahimalani, Deputy Speaker of the Sind Assembly, are at present residing outside Sind.—A.P.

THREE SIND JOURNALISTS RELEASED

KARACHI, Feb. 16: As a sequel to a representation made by the Sind Journalists' Association, the Sind Government released this morning three journalists who were detained as security prisoners since August, 1942. They are Mr. Kessumal Jhangiani, correspondent of the "Hindu", Madras, Mr. Bavji Ganatra, Manager of the "Sind Sevak" and Mr. Ghanasham Mirchandani of the "Sansar Samachar."

Two other security prisoners were also released, Mr. Motiram Karamchandani, Secretary of the Sind Congress Committee, and Dr. Chimandass Issardas, President of the Hyderabad Congress Committee.

Soon after the release Messrs. Jhangiani, Ganatra and Karamchandani were served with notices under the Restriction and Detention Ordinance directing them to stay in Karachi for three months, not to participate in public meetings and not to communicate with the Press.

It is learned that Mr. Mirchandani declined to sign the above notice. So his release was cancelled.—United Press.

Hidayatullah-Syed Parleys

Move For Rapprochement

KARACHI, Feb. 15.

In pursuance of the appeal for unity issued by Mr. M. A. Jinnah efforts are being made by prominent Muslim League leaders to bring about rapprochement between Mr. Syed, President of the Sind Muslim League and the Premier Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah. As a result of this they met today at the latter's residence and continued their talks over four hours.

During the discussions, it is understood, Mr. Syed offered his terms to the Premier. These are said to include that the Ministry should implement the promises made to the Assembly and announcement should be made by the Premier for stopping corruption in Government departments.

Mr. Syed is also said to have suggested the change of portfolio of Law and Order from Khan Bahadur Mir Ghulam Ali. It is reported the League President further told the Premier that he should allow the Hindu Assembly party to nominate its true and real representative on the Cabinet. The Premier should also carry out the resolutions passed by the League Assembly Party from time to time. They are also understood to have discussed the appointent of a fourth Muslim Minister in place of Mr. Gazdar.

Both the Premier and Mr. Syed declined to say anything about the talks.

Khan Bahadur Mir Ghulam Ali, Home Minister, who had earlier met Mr. Syed said: "We are at a compromise."—A. P.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

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SECONDLY: One House containing 3 rooms and open ground, admeasuring 595 square yards of Inami land, situate at Bhivandi bearing Old Municipal No. 34 and New Sheet No. 30 and City Survey No. 1875 and bounded, on the South by City Survey No. 1874, on the North by City Survey Nos. 1876. 1910 and 1911 on the West by Public Road and on the East by open ground bearing City Survey No. 1912,

THIRDLY: Open Gauthan land, situate at Bhivandi bearing New Sheet No. 30, City Survey No. 1912 and bounded on the North by City Survey No. 1908. on the West by City Survey Nos. 1875 and 1874, on the East and South by Water Course belonging to Government.

Dated this 16th day of February, 1945.

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WRENCH PLAN FOR LOCAL AUTONOMY AND DIVISION OF INDIA

Says Mahatma Is Not Unsympathetic To It: Tory M. P.'s Deplore Partition Idea

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON, Feb. 15.

The highlights of the East India Association meeting at Caxton Hall on Tuesday to hear Sir Evelyn Wrench were that the majority of the audience as usual composed of retired Civil Servants from India, other retired officials, British and Indian businessmen, the absence of Lord Listowel who scheduled to preside, and Sir Zafrulla Khan was in the chair.

Sir Evelyn spoke for 40 minutes whereof 30 were devoted in describing Indian birds, animals, flowers, gardens and other Indian scenery from the Khaiber to Cape Comorin. The audience patiently heard how he and his wife had made friends of birds and animals.

He then spoke for about 10 minutes outlining his scheme of dividing India into four parts. In doing so he said he would not apologise to anyone for the existence of the British Commonwealth. He was proud to belong to it. It was something sacred, the most spiritual guiding force which showed the clear way that the war had gone in favour of the United Nations.

Sir Evelyn Wrench complained that there was not sufficient appreciation in Britain of the great work done by Lord Linlithgow. He felt that if India today did not possess Dominion Status, it was not the fault of the British Government. According to Sir Evelyn, at the time of the R. T. C., nine-tenths of the problems at issue had been settled.

There certainly would have been an agreement if it had not been for Mahatma Gandhi's attitude.

CRIPPS SHOULD HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED

Sir Evelyn said that many Hindus whom he met had agreed that the Congress made a great mistake in turning their backs on the possibility of a settlement at the time of the Cripps proposals. There are many politicians in India who think that a great mistake has been made by those of their leaders who were responsible in turning from the Cripps offer.

However, his broad outlines for dividing India (quoted below) did not go down well with the audience.

DISAGREEMENT

They were not acceptable to Mr. Hugh Molson, M.P., formerly from Calcutta, and now one of the bright young Tories working with Mr. Quintin Hogg and Mr. Thorny Croft. They were not acceptable to Sir Alfred Watson, Sir M. Fafrulla Khan and Sir Torick Ameer Ali.

Sir Henry Craik who participated in the discussion did not refer to the scheme.

Sir T. Ameer Ali said he had come to the conclusion that nobody in India believed that India would be free for the next 30 years. He said that the highest Indian political leader with whom he had talked said to him: "My boy do not make the mistake that Indian Independence will come for the next 30 years." From a talk with the highest British official Sir T. Ameer Ali could infer that this British official did not believe that India was going to be free in the near future.

Sir Henry Craik took the occasion to pay his tribute to Indian States, particularly Mysore. He said: "We must not forget that when our fortunes of war after the fall of France were completely low, States came in with every thing they had. They gave us unstinted and most loyal support in men and money. This is not sufficiently realised. I hope great States will be preserved. We shall do our best to honour our obligations to them."

"COUNSEL OF DESPAIR"

Mr. Molson asserted that Sir Evelyn Wrench's scheme of breaking of India in two or three economic units was a counsel of despair. He felt that India was in a happy position compared with Europe. This is solely due to unity given her by Britain's two centuries of rule. The Government of India must either be responsible to somebody in India or to Parliament through the Secretary of State. You cannot get that by dividing India under the Wrench scheme.

Mr. Molson's grave voice added: "I shall regret the final break-up of India."

Sir Alfred Watson warned the audience that Gandhiji was planning to be the national voice of India and Sir Evelyn Wrench, he felt, had brought up a new plan of dividing India which, if adopted, would cause a first rate Imperial disaster. Sir Alfred said that Sir E. Wrench wanted to divide India without giving any indication of how that Central Government had to come into being. According to Sir A. Watson in starting from the bottom, Sir Evelyn was going to erect the building without the roof.

Thus exposing it for all time, Sir Alfred Watson continued: "We have built well so far in India. It is only Indians who have to put the coping-stone on this magnificent structure. My final comment is that Sir Evelyn Wrench wants Sikhs to form an Ulster in Hindu India. "It wont work"

Sir Evelyn Wrench replying to criticisms attempted to allay fears by assuring the critics that his scheme was based on the advice of various people in India itself. He went on: "I discussed the scheme with Gandhiji. I did not find him unsympathetic." Sir Evelyn debunked Mr. Molson's assertion that India was united under British rule. "People who talk of unity of India for 200 years are talking —, —, —, well, well, let's leave it at that."

In thanking Sir Evelyn Wrench for his speech, Dodager Lady Willingdon said: "I love India. My husband and myself spent 16 years there. I know how wonderful Indians are." She revealed she had received 462 Christmas cards from India. She did not want to say much about Sir Zafrulla Khan because, as she put it, "I rather love him."

Sir Zafrulla Khan said: Lady Willingdon says that Indians were wonderful to them. They were wonderful to them because Lord and Lady Willingdon were wonderful to Indians."

British Women's Exclusiveness Deplored

Reuter adds: The belief that India and Great Britain could achieve much for the advancement of civilisation as partners in the British Commonwealth was expressed by Sir Evelyn Wrench, lately America Relations Officer to the Government of India, addressing a meeting of the East India Association in London on Tuesday.

Sir Evelyn gave his impressions of India and its varied problems after two and a half years in that country. One problem, he said, was the tendency of many British women in India to consort almost exclusively with their own country women. "There is little social mingling between Indian and British women. From all classes of Indians I have heard this criticism. There may have been mistakes on both sides but it cannot be good for Indo-British relations to have these groups of "foreigners" in India leading their own lives and playing no part in the problems of the community in which they find themselves. Many English women especially officials, doctors, missionaries and educationists did however, take a deep interest in Indian welfare. But the fact that owing to frequent leaves, a British resident in India, official or commercial, nowadays, brought his family with him, tended to lead to self-contained existence".

AGRARIAN PROBLEM

Referring to the peasant problem in India, Sir Evelyn said: "India's greatest problem is how to improve the status of peasants. There is urgent need for raising the general subsistence level of the community. To establish a strong and central Government in India would be almost like attempting to set up a Central Government in Europe.

WRENCH SCHEME

A future central confederation or federation of India should be "left over" for a period of from five to ten years, and that "in the immediate future attention should be concentrated on getting local autonomy working throughout the entire sub-continent of India."

"First", said Sir Evelyn, "the grievances of minorities must be removed. For the "untouchables" the British Government should set aside a large sum of money gathered from All-India to be devoted to their higher education. During this five to ten years every effort should be made to stimulate All-India Co-operation. India's present difficulties I think are largely due to the effort to regard India as a unit when no real unity once British Raj were removed exists"

Declaring that the grievances of minorities must be removed, Sir Evelyn said: "The right of Hindu India to control its own destiny forthwith must be acknowledged, as much as the right of the greater part of Muslim India to nationhood. A great Muslim free state in north-west India is inevitable and can play a great part in bringing stability to southern Asia. —Reuter and G'obe.

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Vatican Disappointed At Crimea Conference

ROME, Feb. 13: An American news service dispatch said that Vatican circles viewed the results of the Crimea conference "gloomily." The dispatch said the Vatican was disappointed over the announced decisions on Poland, over the failure to mention Catholic Italy, and over the omission of statements on freedom of religion as mentioned in the Atlantic Charter.—U.S.O.W.I.

AUSTRALIA'S BUSINESS CHANCES IN INDIA

Trade Delegation Welcomed

SYDNEY, Feb. 14.—Commenting on the arrival of the Indian trade Delegation in Australia, the "Sydney Morning Herald" says that the mission is yet another reminder of growing and friendly relationships between India and Australia. The 'Herald' points out that one result of India's services to the Allies has been accumulation of large cash resources both at home and overseas. The 'Herald' says: "These funds provide the basis for ambitious schemes of national economic development which are already afoot and which will involve expenditure in capital and consumption goods of many millions of pounds sterling. In time this must raise the living standards of a steadily increasing proportion of the great mass of population and India's economic progress besides directly benefiting her own people will provide opportunities for others. We in Australia should strive to avail ourselves of this chance. In many ways our recent industrial growth has been complementary to that of India's and the Indian Industrial Mission should be able to provide us with much valuable first hand information not only on its own country's needs but what they can mean to us in terms of trade."

WHEN MR. BYRNES WOBBLED

Not Sure Whether Lvov Is '5 Miles Of Curzon Line'!

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14: The following are the actual words used by the Director of the United States Office of War Mobilisation at a press conference yesterday (Tuesday) in referring to the position of Lvov under the Crimea Conference decision.

A correspondent asked: "Did I understand you correctly that Lvov was still under consideration?"

Mr. Byrnes: "Well, you have got a language three, if there is a change of five miles one way or or another it could affect it, but I am not sure."

A correspondent: "Well, Lvov is 30 miles east of the Curzon Line."

Mr. Bryne: "It is according to where that Line runs, but I don't think it is thirty. This 'five miles of Curzon Line'—if its inside its all right and if it is not its all wrong."

Earlier, Mr. Byrnes had said referring to the Curzon Line on the last war: "The Line established by Curzon and Clemenceau does cause some heartaches to the Poles who believe for sentimental reasons in Lvov that it was not finally determined—that it is five miles."—Reuter.

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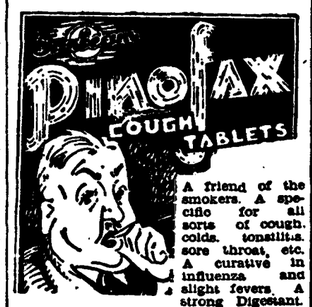

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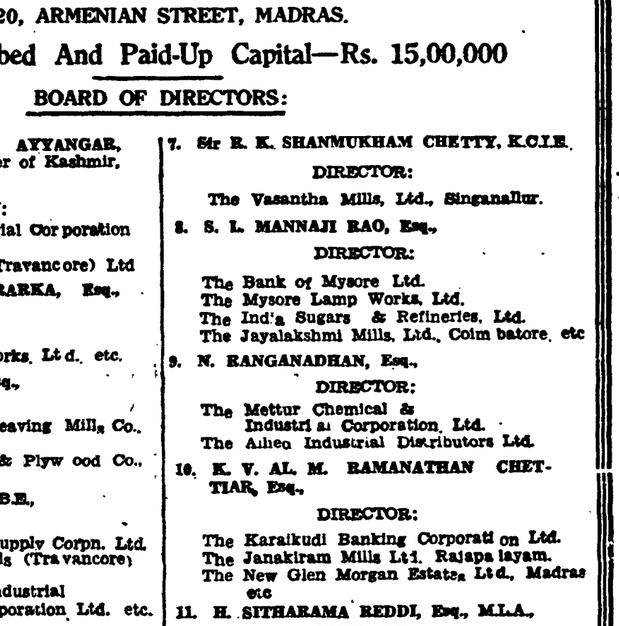

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The Technical Training Scheme Advisory Committee which concluded its meeting in Bombay on Feb. 14 and recommended a National System of Training for training craftsmen required for Post-War Industry.

Colville's Reply To Nichols

BOMBAY HAS ABUNDANCE OF ARTISTIC TALENTS AND GOOD MUSIC

BOMBAY Friday.

Declaring open the Bombay Art Society's Exhibition at the Cowasji Jehangir Hall this evening, the Governor of Bombay paid a warm compliment to the city for the abundance of artistic talent it possessed and said that this talent contradicted the sweeping generalisations of Beverley Nichols

Sir John Colville said that his experience had been different from Beverley Nichols'. "I have listened to some very good music since I came to this city as Governor," added Sir John "and especially I have seen much good painting, sketching and drawing both here and in Poona." He referred to Beverley Nichols' book a readable but extravagant.

The purpose of art should be for the welfare and happiness of the people as a whole—a truly democratic art. The exhibition of the Bombay Art Society, said Sir John, should serve this purpose.

India was rich in art tradition. It was necessary to repose confidence in the younger generation of Indian artists and rightly expect them to produce art worthy of a modern India consistent with her present aspirations remembering at the same time that no country could isolate itself from the rest of the world.

Sir Cowasji Jehangir, President of the Art Society, in the course of his speech said that in spite of the stress of the times the Society had not missed a single year to organise the exhibition. The exhibits totalled 1,130 as compared to 1,200 of last year. The total acceptances were 581 as compared to 626 of last year.

MARWARI NOT TO MARRY MINOR

Suit Dismissed By Consent

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhagwati)

Bai Kamla ... Plaintiff.

v.

Rangnath Khemraj ... Defendant.

At the adjourned hearing of the Notice of Motion taken out by the plaintiff through her next friend Madhavlal Agarwal for an injunction restraining the defendant a sixty-year old Marwari from marrying the plaintiff alleged to be under the age of 14 years, the parties came to terms.

On the defendant undertaking not to marry the plaintiff, the suit was dismissed by consent, and the interim injunction dissolved.

Mr. M. C. Setalvad and Mr. K. T. Desai instructed by Messrs. Malvi Ranchhoddas & Co. appeared for the plaintiff.

Mr. M. P. Amin, instructed by Messrs. M. B. Chothia & Co., appeared for the defendant.

Dispute Over Films

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhagwati)

Mohanlal Barjatya & Another ... Plaintiffs.

v.

The Bharat Productions ... Defendants.

On the defendants undertaking not to deal with or dispose of the films in suit, His Lordship made no order on this Notice of Motion taken out by the plaintiffs for an injunction restraining the defendants from dealing with or disposing of a talkie called "Do or Die" alias "Anban" and the films "Devil and the Dancer", "Rajkumar", alias "Meena" and "Arti" for South India territory (including Indian States) and Ceylon. The plaintiffs alleged that they had contracted to purchase those pictures from the defendants with the prints and publicity materials and the right of exhibiting and exploiting them in the South India territory.

Brijrani Mudnaney, the sole proprietress of the Bharat Productions, stated that she had agreed to sell to the plaintiffs not the full length pictures named above, but stunt pictures. She contended that by failing to take delivery of those stunt pictures, the defendants had committed breach of contract and were not entitled to an injunction.

Mr. K. T. Desai and Mr. C. K. Daphtary, instructed by Messrs. Daholkar & Jeshtaram appeared for the plaintiffs.

Mr. K. A. Somjee by Messrs. Lokhia & Co. appeared for the defendants.

ANOTHER BANK AT DAHANU.

(From Our Correspondent.)

DAHANU, Feb. 15: The International Bank of Bombay will have a branch at Dahanu from next month. Mr. Lalji Ganatra, their field worker paid a visit to this place last week and made preliminary enquiries. The Bank will start functioning from March 1945, and the opening ceremony will be performed by H. H. the Rajashib of Jawhar.

Already two banks have their branches here. The Imperial Bank of Bombay and the Provincial Co-operative Bank of Bombay.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

SATURDAY, Feb. 17.

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244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—9-0 a.m. News (H). 8-15 News (E). 8-30 Premlata Naik. 8-40 Bhairavin. 8-50 News (M). 9-0 News (G). 9-10 To-morrow. 9-15 Roshanara Begam. 9-45 Gujarati Songs. 12-30 p.m. Sindhi Songs. 12-45 News (M). 12-50 News (G). 12-55 News (H). 1-0 Mixed Melodies. 1-30 News (E). 1-40 Music. 5-0 Shankerrao Vyas. 5-45 Topical Talk. 5-55 Locals. 6-0 Saturday at Six 6-30 News (E). 6-40 News (H). 6-45 Music from Film. 7-0 Sandeshe. 7-15 Roshanara Begam. 7-45 Amir Husain. 8-5 Premlata Naik. 8-15 News (M). 8-30 News (G) 8-45 For Universities (E). 9-0 News (H). 9-20 News (E). 9-30 B. B. C. News. 9-45 Premlata Naik. 10-0 London Ki Ek Rat (H). 10-40 Roshanara Begam.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY'S RACES.

BRIGHT CHANCES FOR ODDS ON IN GOVERNOR GENERAL'S CUP

Wavell, Churchill And Finalist's Outstanding Chances In Cup Events

(By Our Racing Correspondent.)

Odds On, winner of the Indian Derby, possesses bright chances to repeat her success in the last of the Classic, the Governor-General's Cup. Wavell, Churchill and Finalist should oblige in their respective Cup events.

The following are my selection:—

1st Race: Hot Stuff 1; Injustice 2; Pavlova 3.

2nd Race: Birthday Morn 1; Tangent 2; Lord Bill 3.

3rd Race: Flower Of Lashkar 1; Princess Chitra 2; Dashing Prince 3.

4th Race: Flashing Prince 1; Don't Shoot 2; Big Joy 3.

5th Race: Wavell 1; Chief Ruler 2; Mr. Colman 3.

6th Race: Churchill 1; Sunbathing 2; Blue Pencil 3.

7th Race: Finalist 1. Chanak 2; Avon Song 3.

8th Race: Odds On 1; Ferial 2; Royal Jester 3.

9th Race: Silver Phantom 1; Snaky Hips 2; Rosebud 3.

Dark Flukes: Ice Box and Peshawar Express.

KASTURBA ANNIVERSARY PROGRAMME: Under the auspices of the Service to Harijans Committee of the Congress, a Sneha Sammelan of Harijans and Non-Harijans will be held to-day at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.), at Gilder Tank, Bombay to celebrate the First Anniversary of late Kasturba Gandhi. Sjt. N. S. Kajrolkar, Chairman of the Municipal Schools Committee, will preside and Smt. Lilavati Munshi, Sjt. S. L. Silam, Sjt. Kashi Prasad Singh, Sjt. S. G. Songaonkar, Sjt. P. M. Chinai, Sjt. Y. K. Khadilkar, Sj.. Salebhoy Abdul Kadar, Jamnadas Dwarkadas, Smt. Kantaben Khandwalla, Smt. Sushila Pai and others will speak. There will be songs and dialogues etc. Sjt. Nagindas T. Master, Mayor of Bombay and Sjt. S. K. Patil, will be present.

KASTURBA ANNIVERSARY AT KHAR

(From Our Correspondent)

Khar Congress Workers are visiting the villages adjoining Khar during the Kasturba Week from 15th to 22nd instant. Members of the All-India Women's Conference are actively participating in these visits.

On 22nd inst. prayer meeting will be held at Laxmmagar Hall at 8 a. m. in the afternoon a ladies' meeting has been organised by the All-India Women's Conference when Smt. Goshiben Captain will preside

MILK DISTRIBUTION CENTRES: Milk Distribution Centres A-8, D-78, E-48, E-62, F-48, F-50, F-72, G-50 and G-61 will start functioning from February 19 and cardholders who have been temporarily closed and centres will receive their supply of milk from that day.

Centres D-61, F-55, F-65 and G-41 have been temporarily closed and cards registered there have been transferred to centres D-78, F-39, and G-8 respectively. The cardholders concerned should go to these latter centres to obtain their supply of milk from February 19. Centre No E-26 situated at the Model High School has been shifted to the Mandvi (Vadgadi) Municipal Hindu School, Anand Bhuvan, 102, Chinch Bunder Road from February 16.

PROPHET DAY CELEBRATIONS: Under the auspices of 140 Muslim societies a mass gathering will be held to celebrate the anniversary in commemoration of the Birthday of the Holy Prophet of Islam on Monday, February 26 at 3 p.m. (N.S.T.) when Sir Azizul Huque, Civil Supplies Member Government of India will preside and Moulana Hasrat Mohani Sahib will inaugurate.

CITY AND SUBURBS

To-day

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Hightide: 4-03, 16-63
Lowtide: 10-15, 22-23

To-day's Engagements

THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER will meet the elected members of Ward No. 12, today at 6-51 a m (B T), at the junction of Bellasis Road and Duncan Road (Old Parsee Statue) and go round with them in the Ward.

B V F & F SHOW: The Bombay Vegetable Fruit and Flower Show will be opened by the Mayor at Victoria Gardens, today (Saturday) at 4 p m (S T.)

PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE OF LOCAL BODIES will be held on Saturday the 17th and Sunday the 18th inst. in the Office of the local Self-Government Institute.

Mr. L. M. Patil ex-Minister for Local Self-Government will preside on the occasion.

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE PARSI ASSOCIATION: The Annual Social Gathering will be held at the College Hall, today at 4-30 p.m.

BOMBAY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION: Mr. S. G. Date of Poona will give a talk on "My Experiences in compiling a bibliography of Marathi Literature" today at 5 p.m. at the University School of Economics and Sociology Lecture Hall.

BIRTHDAY OF RAMAKRISHNA PARAMAHAMSA: In connection with the 110th birthday anniversary of the Paramahamsa there will be a public meeting today (Saturday) at 6-15 p m at Balvatsky Lodge, French Bridge, Sir Byramjee Jeejeebhoy will preside. Mr. Prabodh Chandra De and Miss Renuka Roy will entertain with music and Bhajan. Dr. J. C. Chatterjee, Mrs. Shirin Fuzudar, Swami Sambuddhananda and others will address. Mr. Prabodh Chandra De will give a musical entertainment.

ALL INDIA MUSLIM MAJLIS: A meeting of active workers and volunteers of the Muslim Majlis in Bombay will be held today (Saturday) at 8-30 p m (S T), at Rippon Road, with a view to popularise and extend the constructive programme of the Majlis. Mr. N. Abbasi will preside.

MUNICIPALITY HEALTH EXHIBITION: A Health Exhibition is being organised by the Health Department, at the Victoria Gardens from 17th to 24th inst. The exhibition will be open to the public free from 19th inst. The exhibition will cover the subjects of maternity and child welfare, sanitation and communicable diseases.

BOMBAY HINDI VIDYAPEETH: Hindi examinations will be held on 17, 18, 19 and 20th inst. at the following centres (1) Marwadi Vidyalaya Sandhurst Road. (2) Ram Mohan High School Prarthana Samaj. (3) English High School Dadar G.I.P. Ry. (4) Chhabildas Lallubhai High School Dadar, B.B. & C.I. Ry. (5) Vidya Mandir Khar. (6) Gurukul High School Ghatkopar. (7) English High School Parel and (8) New English High School Thana Pariksha Mantri.

HABIB HIGH SCHOOL: Annual Athletic Sports and Physical Training Display will be held at the Cooperage Ground, today at 3-30 p m (S T) Mr. Haji Dawood Haji Nasser will preside.

BOMBAY KERALEEYA SAMAJ: Mr. Suresh Valdya will give a talk today at 6-30 p m at the Poddar College Hall. Mr. Joachim Alva will preside.

BOMBAY SPIRITUAL CENTRE: Discourse in Hindi by his holiness Shri Shankaracharya of Dwaraka Peeth on Saturday and Sunday at 5-0 p m on GITA MAHIMA and NAMA MAHIMA.

CONDOLENCE MEETING: In memory of late Haji Abdul Karim Kassum Khatau under the auspices of Khoja Shia Ishna Ashri Jamat and other institutions today at 9-45 p m at Khoja Masjid, Imamwada, Samuel Street, Haji Dawood Haji Nasser presiding.

KHAR-BALKANJI-BARI: Under the auspices of Balkanji-Bari, Tankar Mandal and other organizations, a meeting of workers is called today at 7-30 p.m. to chalk out a programme for the celebration of the Holi-festival.

RADICAL STUDENTS' UNION: Public Discussion today (Saturday) at 6 p.m. on "Democracy and M N Roy's Constitution," in the Dadar Office of the R.S.U.

"LITTLE PIONEERS": A children's Exhibition of Handicrafts, Toys and Posters, organised by the Little Pioneers will be held at the Anglo-Bengali H. E. School, on the 17th and 18th inst. The Exhibition will be opened today at 3 p.m.

INDIAN ST. LEGER BROADCAST: A. I. R. will broadcast today (Saturday) from 5-45 to 6-05 p m a running commentary on the Indian St. Leger Race, by Henry Latchford on 61.48 metres.

PRARTHANA SAMAJ: Prof. R. Parthapgiri will conduct Divine Service tomorrow (Sunday) at 5-30 p.m at the Prarthana Samaj, Girgaum.

PROGRESSIVE WRITERS' ASSOCIATION: A meeting of Bombay Progressive Writes' Association will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at 4 p.m. at the office of the People's Theatre, School of Indian Music French Bridge, (Opposite Opera House).

MUSICAL ART SOCIETY: Vocal Music by Kesarbai Kerkar at Wagle Hall, Kandewadi on Sunday 9-30 a.m.

BOMBAY SOUTH INDIA CLUB: The Second Social Gathering of our Club will take place at 4 p m on Sunday at the Khalsa College Hall, Matunga. After musical entertainment there will be a talk by Mr. A. M. M. Vellian Chettiar on "Life in Burma."

DRAMA IN AID OF PUBLIC HALL: "Samshya-Samrajya"—a social drama in Kanarese to be staged by Lalithakala Karnataka Sangeeta Sabha at Damoder Thakersey Hall, Parel on Sunday, at 9-30 a.m. in aid of a public hall for the Udipi Board High School, South Kanara.

MR. R. M. TRIVEDI FOR SENATE: Mr. R. M. Trivedi, Principal New Education High School, Ahmedabad, is standing for election to the University Senate to fill up the vacancy of Prof. B. B. Vyas from the Registered Graduates Constituency.

SINDHI HOSPITAL: Seth Daulatram Mohandas, M.L.A. (Sind) has donated Rs. 50,000 for starting a Sindhi maternity home and hospital in Bombay especially for the welfare of Sindhis residing and trading in Bombay. He has further advanced Rs. 2,00,000 for the purchase of building for the Hospital and Maternity Home on a nominal interest of 3 p.c. Sindhis are requested to send their donations for this purpose to the Jt. Hon. Secretary, Mr. Parmanand Sugnomal, Balaram Chambers, Dhobi Talao, Bombay.

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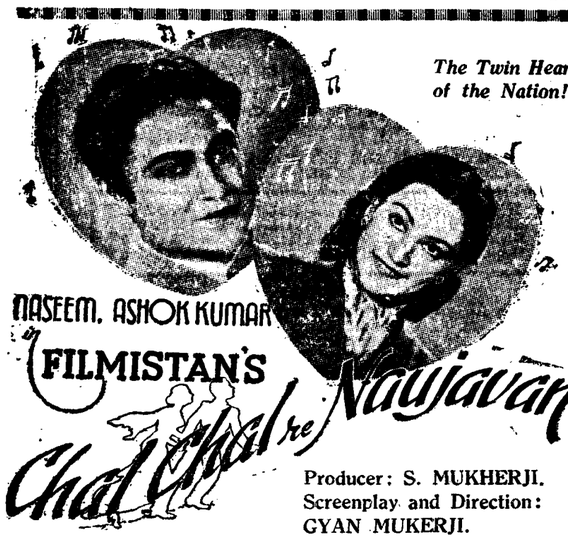

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T. U. DELEGATES AGREE INDIA SHOULD BE FREE

LONDON, Feb. 15: The considerable victory achieved by the All-India T. U. C. over the Indian Federation of Labour by election of its delegates to important committees of the World Trade Union Conference was discussed in an interview with Globe to-day by Mr. R. A. Khedgikar.

Mr. Khedgikar, who has been elected to serve on the Conference Peace Committee, said, in a joint statement with Mr. S. K. Pramanik: "We feel that the position of the A.I.T.U.C. has been clarified. There have been occasions when the Indian Federation of Labour claimed representation on committees, but the World Conference preferred to elect the A.I.T.U.C. Then again, as far as the political situation is concerned, the A.I.T.U.C. has been enabled to give force to the expression that countries be given the right of electing their own form of Government and economic organisations This we regard as a considerable victory for the A.I.T.U.C. We are still working with other delegates to acquaint them with Indian conditions."

Mr. Khedgikar added: "We have had long talks with the Soviet, Mexican, United States (C.I.O.), French, Canadian and Australian delegations, and they agree with us on the question of Indian independence. We have, naturally, had many talks with the British T.U.C., but there we have met the impression that immediate Indian independence means handing over India to capitalists. Here, we have had to counteract propaganda by the Indian Federation of Labour. We have naturally replied that the working classes and peasantry in India comprise 80 per cent of the population, that they are highly organised and quite capable of dealing with vested interests.

"We have also pointed out that there must be Indian industrialisation if working classes are to grow in numbers as against the poorly rewarded peasantry. Another point we have emphasised is that the caste system is being broken down. We have asked the British T.U.C. to look back to the last, 1937, elections, when only progressive forces were returned. We think that now the British T.U.C. need not fear vested interests in India."

Asked for his impression of the World Trade Union Conference, Mr. Khedgikar replied: "The Conference has unquestionably brought the working classes together as never before. India and the Colonies have not received as much attention as delegates would have liked. We have noticed a tendency among some delegates to associate India with the Colonies, but we have protested sufficiently against this. Apart from this, we have been able to meet many editors, scores of delegates and many outside contacts, all of whom have displayed most considerable interest in the Indian political situation.

"All this should be of greatest benefit to India's working classes, and to India's political aspirations in general. In many cases we have been told that sufficient is not known about the Indian case and we have been advised by delegates to send representatives to the United Kingdom and other countries to keep the labour movement throughout the world properly informed."—GLOBE.

Dange's Motion Ruled Out Of Order

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Mr. S. A. Dange of the All-India Trades Union Congress today moved an amendment at the World Trade Union Conference to call upon the Governments who had the control of Colonies, dependencies and subject countries to act up to the Conference policy of freedom of speech, Press, assembly, religion and political association, and the right to organise Labour Unions.

Mr. Arthur Deakin of the British T.U.C. said that the question raised national policy, and was, therefore, out of order. The British Labour movement, he said, was pledged to the principle of self-determination as far as India was concerned.

The Chairman then ruled the proposed amendment out of order.—Reuter.

"Swaraj For India" Call At World T. U. C.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Self-Government for India as a requisite of Trade Union post-war planning was demanded by Mr. S. K. Pramanik, the Indian Federation of Labour Delegate at the World Trade Union Congress meeting today.

Mr. Pramanik said that only in the Soviet Union, where the entire social and economic life of the people was organised to the complete elimination of imperialist ideals, could post-war reconstruction be effected for the benefit of the workers. The issue became very complicated indeed in the democratic countries dominated by cartels and trusts. "We must realise that soldiers and workers who are making tremendous sacrifices will not be content to return to the brink of starvation and economic insecurity on a dole. It would be expecting too much."

Training In Journalism

C. R. Srinivasan's Call To Universities

MADRAS, Feb. 15.

The opinion that the time had arrived when journalism, which started as a call and aid in public service had developed the proportions of a calling, and it was necessary in the interests of all to provide the means and methods for proper training in the profession was expressed by Mr. C. R. Srinivasan, Editor, "Swadesmitran", at a meeting of journalists held here on Tuesday evening, when a series of lectures on "Training in Journalism" organised by the Tamil Nad Journalists' Federation was inaugurated.

Mr. Srinivasan referred to the unsuccessful attempts made to persuade the Madras and Calcutta Universities in the past to institute degree or diploma courses in journalism, and said that if some enterprising member of the Senate would now come forward not merely in the Madras University, but in others also to explore afresh the possibilities of providing a training course in journalism, he expected that the result would be different from what it was previously.

Continuing, he said that journalism would be all the better, if those who manned it devoted their entire time to success in the profession and service in the line they had chosen and in order that this service might be rendered adequately and efficiently, it was necessary that those who entered it, should have opportunities for improving the required qualities and qualifications.

In conclusion he suggested that Journalists' Associations in different important cities should organise courses of lectures with this end in view. He also felt that Radio Talks on Journalism and on matters of value to journalists would also be of great advantage. Likewise, if Universities found it difficult to institute degree or diploma courses, they might at least institute extension lectures and time them on holidays.

Mr N. Raghunathan, Assistant Editor, the "Hindu", addressing the meeting said that if the profession was to commend due respect, those in it must maintain standards at least as high as in other liberal professions.

Mr. Raghunathan further stressed the need for establishing a college of journalism associated with the newspapers in the City to provide proper training for young aspirants.—United Press.

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MADRAS, Feb. 16

The Chief Presidency Magistrate convicted and sentenced to-day Mr. T. Lakshmipathi Mudaliar a dealer in cork to pay an aggregate fine of Rs. 3,000 on charges of selling cork on four different occasions at prices higher than the controlled rates.—United Press

Himmler-Goebbels Plan To Trick Allies

LONDON, Feb. 11: A Nazi plan to trick the Allies after the defeat of Germany is explained by a neutral diplomat in Stockholm who had a long stay in Germany.

In a message from the Swedish capital the diplomat is quoted as saying that German military collapse definitely forms part of the Himmler-Goebbels calculations for the future. He says they seek to prevent at all costs a popular revolt against Nazism before the Army has been completely beaten.

If the Army breaks, the Nazi Party has scape-goats—Rundstedt, Guderian and Kesselring. But it is essential that Goebbels keeps up the spirit of "people's defence to the last man." The myth of an unconquered German people would give Nazism the conditions necessary for continued growth after Germany's defeat. The Nazi leaders calculate that the Allies, finding occupation difficult, would each attempt to pursue their own policy and bind themselves to different German groups, each of which would have a quota of faithful Nazis.—GLOBE.

Bombay Government Gazette Civil Appointments

Dr. Miss K H Cama is confirmed as presidency Magistrate, Juvenile Court Bombay.

Services of Mr. N. M Kamte, District Supdt. of Police, Dharwar, are placed at the disposal of the Govt. of India as Deputy Controller of Civil Supplies, Bombay Circle.

Dr. F N A Moos, Superintendent, G T Hospital, Bombay, is granted leave on average pay for eight months ex-India, from 17th January 1945 Rao Sahib M. B. Mandhle, Blood Transfusion Officer, Bombay, is apointed to officiate as Supdt. G. T. Hospital in addition to his own duties as Blood Transfusion Officer from 20th January 1945.

Mr. A. A. Vasavada, Professor of Agricultural Engineering Physics and Mathematics, Agricultural College, Poona is granted leave on average pay for three months from the 8th February 1945.

Rao Sahib B. A. Talpade to officiate as Assistant Secretary to Government, Reconstruction Department, vice Mr. D. A. Gadkari proceeded on leave.

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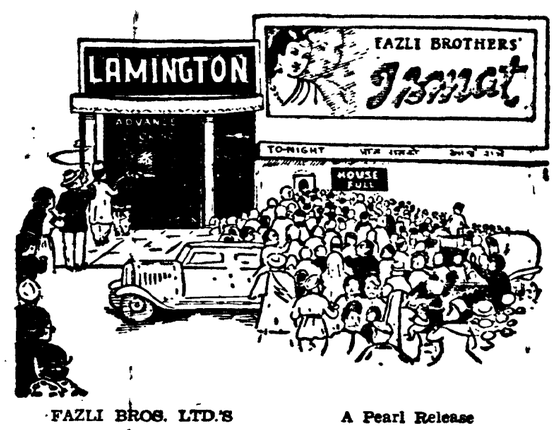

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"BARE NAWAB SAHEB" POPULAR AT TAJ

"Chandragupta" Next Saturday At West End

"Bare Nawab Saheb" released last week at Taj and "Ismat" running for two weeks at Lamington have caught the fancy of Bombay crowds and they are among the most popular of recent releases.

While "Bare Nawab Saheb" stars Chandramohan, Pahari Sanyal, Kumar, Pramila and Bibbo "Ismat" stars Mehtab, Nargis and Nandrekar.

"Chandragupta" Next Saturday

On Saturday next, which incidentally marks the beginning of "Holi" week, Jayant Desai's spectacular,

S. M. Yusuf

historical film "Samrat Chandragupta" will have its premiere at New West End.

Directed by Jayant Desai, based on a story by Dave, the dialogues are written by Shahid Latif and Sagar Hussain and songs composed by Pandit Madhur are set to music by C. Ramchandra. While Dronacharya has picturised "Chandragupta" P. C. Subedar has recorded the sound with the co-operation of these technicians, writers and artistes, we have no doubt that Jayant Desai will give us in "Chandragupta" the most memorable film of his career.

"Aina" At Imperial

The crowds that visited Imperial in the first two weeks to witness 'Aina' have beaten all previous records at the theatre. The picture is now running in the third week and it seems that the enthusiasm of film fans is growing more and more every new day of the run. 'Aina' portrays a very simple subject. It is a story of a joint family and it shows the catastrophe that comes to the family if one of the members of the family is a shrew. 'Aina' has not only one but two shrews: the mother and her over-fondled daughter. Their tongues ruin the peaceful life of the entire family. The elderly shrew persecutes her husband, sons, daughter-in-law and son-in-law. Her daughter persecutes her brothers and sisters-in-law, and even her husband; Prabhulal Dwivedi, the author of 'Aina' has so worked out the entire story that there is not a single dull moment in the picture. S. M. Yusuf has directed the picture.

Kanan Bala In "Krishna Leela"

Producer Lakhmidas Anand, who recently came into the limelight with his "Sawal" and "Lady Doctor" has signed up Kanan Bala for his next venture, "Krishna Leela", which will be a costume picture of quite an unusual type. The fabulous price he has agreed to pay to this celebrated Bengali star is an indication of the ambitious scale of his new production which will be distinguished by a wealth of devotional music and some exquisitely beautiful dance numbers. Mr. Anand and Kanan Bala were associated as producer and star in "Vidyapati" which he had produced with New Theatres along with another picture "Maya" some years ago. They are now coming together again in the same capacities in "Krishna Leela" after a long time.

Empress In Shorey's "Shalimar"

Mr. K. N. Mehra writes:

In last Saturday's "Chronicle", apropos of Roop Shorey's "Shalimar" you have stated that Nur Jehan succeeded her father as Wazier of the Moghul Raj. May I state the following in amplification of your statement?

Itimadu-d-daula, Nur Jehan's father, died in January 1622. Jehangir in his Autobiography refers to him as "a wise and perfect Wazier, and a learned and affectionate friend." Then he adds: "On the first of the Divine month of Isfandarmuz I gave the establishment and everything belonging to the Government and Amirship of Itimadu-d-daula to Nur Jehan Begum, and ordered that her drums and orchestra should be sounded after those of the King."

Hem Chunder In City

Hem Chunder, Director of "My Sister" at Central was in town last week as the guest of Mr. Mamooji, Proprietor, Calcutta Film Exchange, Bombay Distributor of New Theatres Pictures. He was quite pleased to find that 'My Sister' with its new faces in Akhtar Jehan and Nirmala and veterans Saigal and Nawab had proved a popular hit. He disclosed that in his coming picture, he will introduce yet another new face.

"Jwar Bhata"

Now in its twelfth week at Majestic, "Jwar Bhata" is still a popular entertainment. More than its songs H.M.V. records of which have already proved a rage, its artistically conceived and lavishly produced dances, its superb technical qualities or even the star, in its folds who have achieved stardom in one stroke, it is the story of 'Jwar Bhata' that has made it such a mammoth success all over the country. Producer Amiya Chakrabarty being essentially a story-writer, pays utmost attention to this particular factor of screencraft.

"Naujavan"

A friend in Lucknow writes to say that Pradeep's lyrical call to national unity, the "Har Har Mahadeo-Allaho Akbar" song, has become the rage in that city. Indeed, there is more in that picture than that song. Through all the Naseem-Ashok romance and the Motibai-Rafiq heartbreak, there looms large in the background Jagdeesh's "Seva Ashram"; and the urgent need for the service of the masses is never let out of sight.

"Dassi" At Minerva

Having celebrated its Silver Jubilee, the Pradhan picture "Dassi" continues its run with added strength at Minerva. Producer Ram Narain Dave, who had been here for the Jubilee, left last Sunday amidst a shower of warm congratulations.

"Chand" And Sitara

To the filmgoers of India, Sitara needs no introduction. Her "fans" are legion. That is why there is a general sense of gratitude to Prabhat, for featuring her in the musical comedy "Chand," now at Krishna. "Fans" like to see their favourites doing a variety of roles with conspicuous success. The dancer's role in "Chand," so happily suited to Sitara's artistic proficiency, is at the same time a refreshingly new kind of role for her. For, unlike anything that Sitara had recently portrayed, it is the role of a warm hearted yet deeply understanding woman.

"Sahara" At Kamal

There are few stars who make their appearance on the screen at intervals. But whenever they come, they give such a charming performance that the memory lingers long in the minds of the cine-goers. Renukadevi (of 'Naya Sansar' fame) is one such in "Sahara" at Kamal. "Sahara" deals with the enmity of two families, whose children loved each other.

"Parbat Pe Apna Dera"

Above five months have elapsed since the release of Rajkamal's social classic "Parbat Pe Apna Dera" in Bombay; and even now in its 21st week the picture continues to be a popular attraction at Novelty.

Superb production and allegorical direction by Shantaram, thought-provoking psychological story by Dewan Sharar, brilliant camera work by V. Avdhut, flawless sound recording with its commendable special efforts by Parmar, scintillating musical score by Vasant Desai, and convincing portrayals by Vanamala, Ullhas, Shantarin, Madan and others have contributed to the success of "Parbat Pe Apna Dera" and as such all of them deserve high tributes.

"Lalkar" In 11th Week

Though "Lalkar" has proved extremely popular at New West End, to facilitate the release of "Chandragupta" Jayant Desai's new production, it will be withdrawn shortly.

KANAN BALA.

Hence those who want to see the picture and enjoy its devastating humour and Ramola's smart work would be well advised to see "Lalkar" at the earliest possible opportunity.

40 Feet Whale Found In Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Feb. 13.

The body of a 40-feet long whale—the biggest mammal ever seen here—has been discovered alongside the James Finlay Jetty in the double moorings area of Chittagong.

About a week ago the sea-going fishermen were greatly frightened at the sight of a large sea animal opposite the Sandvip Island which it is believed, was the same whose body has now been discovered bearing several gunshot wounds.

A large whalebone (entire frame of the animal) now preserved in the Calcutta Museum was also found at a place near Sandvip Island nearly 100 years ago, it is stated.—A. P.

HYDERABAD'S CLAIM FOR INDEPENDENT STATE

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Feb. 14: Mr. Abul Hasan Syed Ali, President of Hyderabad Ittehad-ul-Mussalmeen, presiding over its 17th annual session, which commenced here tonight, said that in view of the pledges and announcements made by British ministers from time to time a change in the constitution of India was sure to take place after the war. Government would be transferred to Indians. In other words, freedom would be granted to India. When this happened, he added, Hyderabad would want to resume its former position as an Independent State. All those areas which were ceded by Hyderabad to the Government of India should be restored to Hyderabad in the interests of its commercial and economic development.

Mr. Abul Hasan Syed Ali hoped that Great Britain and the Government of India would not forget the part played by Hyderabad when the time came to recognise its claims. From the point of view of its population, its natural resources, income and culture, Hyderabad was in a position to be an independent State.—A. P.

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It is understood that the trial of Khan Bahadur Khuhro, his brother and three others have been committed to sessions on the charge of conspiracy to murder the late Mr. Allahbux has been fixed for March 15.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Feb. 16.

The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at nine hours I S T on 13/2/45 :

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Liberty of thought is the life of the soul.

—Voltaire.

The Bombay Chronicle

UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS
III

The Senate of the Bombay University had record sessions beginning last Saturday, and disposed of a number of proposals for constitutional reform, as well as affiliations of new Colleges, which had totalled a very large number owing to the increasing demand for college education. Practically all the constitutional proposals arose out of cases of malpractices by high-placed examiners, into which the Vice-Chancellor had made detailed investigations and presented reports, which led to the maximum sentence of punishment on offending examiners being proposed. The wording of the Section under which action was proposed to be taken made it impossible to give effect to the suggestions of the Syndicate and make the Senate's recommendation founded thereon effective. The tone of the debate, however, was throughout maintained on a very high level. The basic argument of cleansing the University by awarding such deterrent penalties to offending Senators was substantially unquestioned. What opposition there was took the line that the accused were not given an adequate hearing. But the contents of the Report and the speeches of those who supported the motions for expulsion, left no doubt in any reasonable mind that no injustice was in reality done to anyone. The final vote, though not equal to a two-thirds majority of 'the entire Senate', required under the Section for making the recommendation valid, was a clear, convincing, unambiguous vindication of the good name of the University. 56 per cent of the entire Senate out of a total attendance of 72 per cent declared themselves in favour of both the proposals for exclusion; and, if we take the number present at this historic meeting, nearly 4/5ths of those present supported the Syndicate motions recommending to the Chancellor to exclude the two Fellows concerned from the Senate, and debar them from re-entry in that body while this disqualification remained.

This vote of the Senate after a full discussion must be a warning to all would-be offenders The manoeuvres of interested parties would not suffice to stave off such a surging wave of indignation as has swept the Senate and the public at large on this occasion. It is to be hoped no more need would arise to resort to such extraordinary provisions of the law in future. If the evil is not struck at the very root, the changes proposed and adopted almost 'nem con' by the Senate would not help much to eradicate it. The restriction of the power to expel only in proved cases of examination malpractices, gives an importance to examinations, which though not unduly exaggerated is nevertheless likely to obscure other, and no less important, functions of the University. The power, moreover, is proposed to be given to the Chancellor, in supersession of the "Local Government." To-day the Chancellor and the Local Government may be the same person as the 1935 constitution has been suspended. But when once again normal conditions of constitutional government return, and responsible Ministers are available to shoulder such duties, we wonder if the recommendation of the Senate at their last meeting for amendment of Section 17 would be deemed wise without qualification.

The same must also be said of that other amendment of Section 17, which allows such extraordinary motions being tabled on the Senate agenda, by any Fellow, for any—or rather for no,—reason. The feeling of indignation was, however so high that no voice of protest against this hasty and ill-considered proposal had a chance of being heard. The only hope now remaining if the Act is amended as suggested by the Senate, would be that some room would be provided for Appeal by the accused against such heavy penalties before final recommendation is made to the Chancellor. The Senate has even now power to make Statutes for regulating such appeals. That no such Statutes have, in fact, been made, does not gainsay their need and desirability. We trust, therefore, statutory opportunities will be available to individuals accused on the analogy of Section 42 which applies to offending institutions, whose disaffiliation is found to be the only remedy to cure them of their objectionable propensities.

While constitutional changes claimed the first attention of the Fellows proposals for affiliation of colleges were no bad second. A good many of them, however, were found to be incomplete or insufficiently supported by the promoters as regards the points laid down in Section 39. A series of motions for referring back individual items for reconsideration by the Syndicate became the order of the day. That will, indeed, not help cure the main defect of such proposals, unless and until the promoters of new colleges realise their responsibility in full, and give up reliance on log-rolling in the several University bodies concerned to achieve their objective. The issue was no doubt, raised in Senate as to the need and desirability for reproducing in many more centres the usual type of college education that the new proposals would provide. But there was no time to discuss the general issue, even if there was inclination, and the Senate procedure had permitted such discussion. The best course, perhaps, under the circumstances, was therefore to refer back particular proposals for reconsideration and presentment in a form more acceptable to the Senate, more beneficial to the students, and more advantageous to the country at large. What the Syndicate would do on reconsideration remains to be seen. It is to be hoped that body will not forget the responsibility it owes to the rising generation of college students, before according its approval to the several proposals for starting new colleges in the different parts of the Province.

Among the other items on the Senate agenda was one dealing with the 'Terms and Conditions of Service by the Teaching Staff in the Colleges.' The matter had arisen out of an earlier proposal to investigate existing conditions, and report upon what could be done to ameliorate the position of the ordinary college teacher. That position is by no means enviable in society or private Colleges; but what the University can do, under the existing constitution, is difficult to say. Colleges are only affiliations, where the authority of the supreme governing body of the University has no vogue except in so far as the College authorities accept and endorse the recommendation by the University. The terms and conditions of service, suggested in the motion before the Senate, as a sort of guidance, not as a model for colleges to accept and adopt left much to be desired from the point of view of the teachers. But, on the maxim that "half a loaf is better than no bread," those who were in favour of the new line of action had hoped that at last some justice would be done to this otherwise helpless class. But the item was reached at the tag end of the sessions; and a Fellow proposed the House do pass on to the next item on the agenda without even the courtesy of a discussion. It was the most contemptuous gesture the Senate could make towards 1250 teachers who do the real work of the University. It was the more insulting in that it was moved by a college Principal. There is every reason to believe, indeed, that this was not a deliberate affront and a calculated slight, but a mere suggestion to save time, and finish with the agenda. If this belief is well grounded, it is most earnestly to be hoped, the item will again be placed on the Senate agenda at the earliest opportunity, and carried into effect with the least delay.

Frankly Speaking

Shape Of New World

So far as the colonies and dependencies of victorious Imperial Powers are concerned, this war is intended only to result in the preservation of the 'status quo', to furnish Imperialism with a new lease of life. Mr. Winston Churchill's statements and activities also the activities and plans of other European Imperialisms have made this fact more than clear. And the pronouncements and attitude of the Big Three have confirmed it. Here is a statement which lends glaring emphasis to the fact. General de Gaulle, who is about to join the European Big Three as the Big Fourth, says: "This year in Indo-China, as everywhere else throughout her Empire, France will retain her sovereignty." This is an open declaration as plain as Mr. Churchill's pronouncement and it does not involve any antagonism to the Big Powers, their conception of the "democratic" "freedom-loving" post-war world and their plans for ushering it in.

A Great Event

February 15 will rank as a day of great significance in the history of the war against Japan. Admiral Nimitz has given the great news that "the Pacific Fleet units are now attacking installations in Tokyo area." According to subsequent unofficial reports heavy damage has already been caused to airfields and other targets in and around Tokyo. And the action continues. To expect that the Task Force is actually bombarding or shelling Tokyo from close inshore or about to do so is to put an interpretation or the words of the communique which, at the present stage of the war, will be too good to be true. It is an attack by naval aircraft, and in itself it is one of the most momentous events of the war. Admiral Doolittle's first blow on Tokyo was merely symbolical. And it was no more than a fly and run raid. The Hornet, escorted by a few warships, stole through the night to some hundred miles of Tokyo, launched the aircraft and retired immediately leaving Doolittle's flyers to find, as best as they could refuge on China's friendly choice. It was just a token and surprise raid by the weak on the strong. Since then Tokyo has been visited but only by Superforts operating from their very distant bases.

Important Results

The present attack is entirely different. The Task Force has sailed to Japanese home waters and stayed in those waters to hit at Tokyo in strength and repeatedly. Apart from the material damage that 1,500 aircraft must inevitably cause, the great action is the most dramatic expression of how and to what extent the tables have been turned. It is a challenge to the Japanese Fleet that it has lost mastery in its own home waters. The moral effect on both belligerents of the attack must be immense. So far as the Japs are concerned they have sustained the biggest blow yet to their morale and we should not be surprised if Tokyo reported within the next few days a "Cabinet Crisis" comparable to the one that resulted in the exit of Tojo. Meanwhile another possible development has been hinted at arising out of a sentence in Admiral Nimitz's communique, namely, the reference to warships bombarding Iwojima. This island, only a few hundred miles from Japan has long been subjected to a softening up process. With the American Task Force now placed between Japan and Iwojima and thus cutting it from Japan, it is quite possible that a seaborne invasion of Iwojima is imminent.

Indian Troops Save Critical Situation In Italy

Kesselring Shows Teeth Each Time Fifth Army Makes Move

By D. F. KARAKA,
Chronicle War Correspondent

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Feb. 13.

It was a bright clear morning after several days' mist and rain. On the west flank of the Fifth Army Front, 92nd Negro Division had been in action for two or three days.

High-ranking American Generals special came to see Negroes in action —the first of its kind after several weeks on the Fifth Army front. The area of operation was the west coast and mountainous terrain north of Lucca.

Kesselring had not given way, and he dispelled all-wishful thinking that he would pull out from his present line to take more compact position using the Alps as a natural fortress. We drove up to forward positions about a mile from enemy observation posts. Germans had the advantage of being on higher ground shelling heavily into the valley where we were. During lull Negro batteries also replied, but Germans were unyielding. In this area recently the Eighth Indian Division retook some ground wherein the Germans had made encroachments. But for the Indians, according to American General Mark Clark, the situation might have been serious. Germans knew that the presence of Indian troops meant business. After which the Negro division undertook offensive, but a communique after five days frankly reported: "Casualties and tank losses were relatively high and no net gains in terrain were made.

But the Negros pluckily continued to batter. A Jeep was parked near the battery to watch the burly Negros pounding at enemy position.

WARTIME SWING

In rapid succession Negro guns boomed, our jeep rocking nearby—a sort of wartime swing. Further up the road townsfolk gathered in small groups feeling insecure in their houses as Germans may return fire. From across the lines came the first batch of prisoner—about 20, chiefly, Italian. Only one was a German. His ribbon showed he had fought in Russia and also had a German decoration. Shoddy, illclad and tired they walked into a nearby prisoners' cage. On way into the Italians too tired to hold their hands up walked with hands resting on their head. Only one Italian Lieutenant felt inclined to remain dramatic and still contrived to stand at attention. He said he had been captured by Germans in Greece and later taken into Germany. He seemed apologetic about Italians fighting, but indicated that the only alternative was death at German hands!

Prisoners were lined with faces towards the wall. Then they were searched and stripped of papers and belongings by Negroes. Unable to stand up straight due to fatigue many almost slept standing against the wall. Only the German remained unmoved. He wore a short beard on an intelligent face which made him impressive. He said in reply to an officer, that he had heard Russians were 200 kilometres from Berlin. He shrugged shoulder when told of the recent Russian advance. In reply to a question whether he would like to return to the lines to continue fighting he said he would behave if treatment was kind, otherwise he preferred to be shot through heart.

Strategically the Allied line now stands little below Massa on the west and a little above Ravenna on the east. On the man it is a way line tapering upwards just below Bologna. For considerable time this line has remained unchanged and Kesselring shows his teeth each time we try to move.

Technical Knowledge Is Essential To Sea Power

Governor Opens R. I. N. Training Establishment At Lonavla

"Few if any countries in the world have a longer or more vulnerable coast line than India. We received a sharp reminder of what sea power means to India, when after the sinking of the "Prince of Wales" and "Repulse" and the loss of Singapore, the Japanese fleet had access to the Bay of Bengal". With these words H. E. Sir John Colville, Governor of Bombay declared open the Royal Indian Navy Training Establishment "Shivaji" at Lonavla on Thursday.

In requesting H. E. the Governor to declare open the Training Establishment, Rear Admiral Ratray Flag Officer Bombay, said that the Establishment would produce craftsmen with the necessary skill required to maintain the ships' engines, auxiliaries, boilers, and electric system to the high standard of efficiency demanded by operations at sea today. The ship's company and training staff in H. M. I. S. "Shivaji" total over eight times the complement of the original establishment of six years ago.

H. E. the Governor then declaring open the H.M.I.S. "Shivaji" said,

H.M.I.S. "Shivaji", as the R.I.N. School of craftsmen, whence will come the Engine Room Artificers, the Ordnance Artificers, the Electrical Artificers, and Shipwrights necessary for the running, maintenance and efficiency of the complex machinery of a modern warship, is an institution of prime national importance. Technical knowledge is as essential to sea power as it is to industry. Just as industrial development is impossible without a tradition of skilled workmanship and an abundance of skilled labour so the R.I.N., if it is to be built up into a powerful force, has to establish such a tradition, and train the men it needs to serve its ships. That is the task before H.M.I.S. "Shivaji", and it has every facility here for success in it—a healthy situation, fine surroundings, first class workshops with every type of modern machinery for purposes of practical demonstration, and good living quarters.

And I think, the training which is given at this Mechanical Training Establishment of the Royal Indian Navy is of importance from a civilian point of view as well. For, if, after their first twelve years in the Service, any of the boys who have been trained here wish to leave it and seek civilian employment, they will, after the training which they have had, be recruits to industry of the highest standard in engineering craftsmanship.

And now good luck to H.M.I.S. "Shivaji". I am proud to have her in the Bombay Presidency, and I will continue to take a close and friendly interest in her mission."

Among those present were also the Bishop of Bombay, Sir R. P. Masani, Mr. D. W. Ditchburn and others. Lt. A. Hameed, R.I.N.V.R., Public Relation Officer, accompanied the press representatives and gave them all facilities to see the newly opened establishment.

Army Reorganisation Committee In Bombay

That the present system of the Officers' University Training Corps in India was capable of great development was the view expressed by Lt.-General Sir Henry Willcox, Chairman of the Army Reorganisation Committee, at a Press Conference, at the Secretariat, on Friday. The Chairman added that he would not like to say, at that stage, on what or which lines the development should be directed.

Others present at the Conference were Brig. K. M. Cariappa, Brig. W. G. S. Thompson, Brig. J. E. Powell, Air Commodore E. J. Kingston-McCloughry and Maj. P. B. McLaron.

The Chairman of the Committee stated that various papers had criticised the composition of the Committee and that the criticism was, perhaps, based on the misapprehension that it was a Government of India Committee. He stated that it was not a Government of India Committee, but that it was the Commander-in-Chief's Committee.

In reply to a question, the Chairman said that the peace-time army should be capable of expanding to war-time requirements, quickly, easily and smoothly and that was a factor which entered very largely in its composition and strength.

The present tour of the Committee is the first of the series, since it was set up. The Committee came to Bombay after visiting Lahore and Karachi. From Bombay, the members propose to go to Madras, Calcutta, Patna and Lucknow. The Committee has so far seen 58 military officers (mostly senior ones), 18 Government officials and 15 non-officials, apart from those whom they had seen in Bombay, including Dr. Mahajani, Professor of the Fergusson College, Poona, and Sir Bomanji J. Wadia, Vice-Chancellor of the Bombay University.

MILK POWDER FOR HOTELS

Skim milk powder for hotels, restaurants and tea shops in Bombay City for March will be issued at the Cricket Club of India Grounds on and from February 21, with a view to avoiding rush, the distribution will be staggered as follows:—Permits bearing serial Nos. 1 to 700—February 21; Nos. 701 to 1400—February 22; Nos. 1401 to 2100—February 23; Nos. 2101 to 2800—February 24; Nos. 2801 to 3500—February 26; Nos. 3501 and above February 27; Left overs—February 28.

2,500 CARS FOR CIVILIAN USE IN INDIA

BOMBAY, Friday.

It is understood that the Governments of India have ordered a large number of motor cars for civilian use regardless of type make or cost. According to informed circles in Bombay about 2,500 baby and other cars of either Austin or Morris make are expected in India in three or four months. The necessary shipping space has been arranged.—A. P.

Salesman's Name Must Be There

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16.—The Central Government by an amending notification issued under the Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Ordinance have now directed that every cash memorandum of a sale transaction given by a dealer or producer must, in addition to the salesman's signature, also contain his full name legibly written, says a Press Note.—A. P.

PROTEST AGAINST CLOTH CONTROL ORDERS

The Bombay Kapad Bazar Gumastas Welfare Association has sent the following protest to the Viceroy:

"Fifteen Associations of Gumastas and Brokers of Bombay connected with cloth trade most respectfully express their protest against several orders pertaining cloth control ordinances resulting in complete chaos and deadlock in cloth trade due to paucity of experience and knowledge of cloth trade. Over 50,000 employees are in danger of losing their job. Humbly pray for interview to delegation of our Associations. Meanwhile, most humbly request to stop pronouncement of further orders".

CONGRESS WORK IN BOMBAY

(BY ABID ALI JAFFERBHOY)

At the Conference of Congressmen held in Bombay in October 1944 a resolution was moved by Mr. S. K. Patil to the effect that all the elements in the Congress should join hands in carrying out Congress work. His speech in moving that resolution was very encouraging. Mr. M. R. Masani and other friends who supported the resolution responded to his appeal and it was hoped that personal interests and party differences would be subordinated to the national cause. Immediately after the Conference, a meeting of Congressmen was convened by Mr. Patil and more than a dozen Committees and Sub-Committees were formed to carry out the Congress work. I do not know whom Mr. Patil consulted before setting up these Committees, but it is a fact that many important Congressmen were not even invited and Mr. Masani was one of those excluded. Mr. Dixit, Dr. Jivraj Mehta and other Congress workers ought to have been consulted and taken into confidence before the formation of these Committees. In some of these Committees some of us have been put in more as a formality.

This is not a mere accident that a large number of old and experienced Congressmen are not taken into confidence, but appears to be part of a deliberate plan to keep the Congress organisation as a monopoly among a few individuals.

NOT A ONE-MAN SHOW

The various Committees which have been appointed cannot justify their existence for the simple reason that most of them could not meet without Mr. Patil's consent and except at his convenience. He too is a human being. In spite of best intentions it is impossible for one man to do everything himself. How can he direct the deliberations of all these Committees? Whatever exaggerated notions he may have about his inner circle and the capacity of those who are privileged to be in it, the rule of the boundary limit applies to him and his friends as well. He will not trust the persons outside his small circle, with the result that a person like Srimati Perin Captain has been excluded from the Hindustani Prachar Committee. Sjt. Vithalbhai Jerajani was not even consulted about the Gram Udyoga and other constructive works. Students do not think it worthwhile to co-operate with him. Labour workers of Rashtriya Girni Kamgar organisation, who possess the confidence of Sardar Patil and Nandaji, could not be of any use to Mr. Patil. Rashtriya Seva Dal friends have refused to be dictated to by him. The Gumasta Organisations will not co-operate.

I do not blame Mr. Patil. He has full right to utilise the situation to consolidate his position, if he can. Any other politician will do the same thing in similar circumstances. All the powers of the B.P.C.C. are invested in the President, but he seems to be nowhere. Why should all the work be solely assumed by or entrusted to one individual?

I have heard some friends saying that since the return of Mr. Patil an active turn has been given to Congress work in Bombay. This assertion would be true if by Congress work is meant newspaper announcements only. The true fact is that make-believe has taken the place of work. We are told that normal Congress work is going on, but not even one public meeting or procession has been organised. Nor is there any sign of doing any constructive work.

I was very much pained to learn the other day that at the Victoria Gardens, the Municipal Commissioner ordered the Congress Volunteers who had gathered there on the occasion of the Municipal by-election not to raise Congress slogans and every one of these volunteers obeyed the preposterous order. One of the important office-bearers of the Congress Municipal Party approached the Commissioner and got a rebuff when the Commissioner said, "I have already passed my orders." This is an index to the strength of the present heads of the Congress organisation in Bombay.

The activities of Mr. Patil and his chosen friends need not be of much consequence. I would like to request the friends who come to the Congress during the civil disobedience period to realise this fact that they join the Congress because they want independence. By their joining the organisation during the struggle period only and leaving it alone at other times will not achieve independence. As the great Chinese leader has said, "If we perspire more in times of peace we will bleed less in times of war", we should work during the normal times as well. The rank and file who were ready to shoulder the struggle are not an insignificant lot. They all should come forward and organise themselves to strengthen the Congress. Only a well-organised and strong Congress can lead us to the great goal of Azadi. Let not the valiant workers of 1942 feel depressed. Their sacrifice is precious and will ever remain a cherished treasure of the Nation. I do not know how far we can succeed, the cause is worth attempting. If we are able to elect proper persons as our representatives on the Congress organisations they will organise the Nation on effective lines, so that the stand taken by the Nation through its Bombay Resolution would not only be impleted in the mind of every Indian, but it might also be possible to have its object achieved.

We all should remain loyal to Gandhiji. He is the acknowledged leader of the Nation. No sensible Congressman can dispute this fact. But it does not follow that we should accept all those who label themselves as Gandhites. Challenging them does not mean challenging Gandhiji or his leadership. I will unhesitatingly accept as my local leader any one whom Gandhiji may appoint as his Deputy. But Gandhiji has not appointed any one so far nor does he propose to do so. Slogans like "One Leader" become an annoying shout when those who indulge in them show no readiness for any adjustment save an ardent desire to consolidate their own position.

Mr. Patil's Rejoinder

Mr. S. K. Patil writes:—

My attention has been drawn to a statement published in a section of the local press over the signature of Mr. Abid Ali Jafferbhoy expressing his personal discontent about the present Congress work in the City. This method of my friend, Mr. Abid Ali, to advance the Congress cause is unfortunate in the extreme, to say the least about it. I can never imitate this cheap method and help my friend in washing the dirty linen in public. I must, however, say a word or two to avoid possible misunderstanding in honest minds by one-sided propaganda.

It has always been my bad luck to have Mr. Abid Ali on the wrong side for the last ten years. He has trained himself never to see any good in me or my work. But surely that is no reason why he should have rushed to the Press with his grievances, more imaginary than real. Little does he realise what harm he has thereby done to the Congress. He has unfortunately allowed his personal dislike of me to get the better of his professed loyalty to the Congress and its cause. There were higher tribunals in the Congress itself where he could have appealed against me if he had the real interest of Congress at heart, rather than adopting this suicidal course.

The Congress in this City has always worked through its elected representatives. So does it work even now in a perfectly democratic fashion, perhaps more democratic now than even in peaceful times. Persons like Mr. Abid Ali, howsoever big they might think themselves to be, cannot take the place of elected representatives of Congressmen.

We have never claimed any perfection for the Congress institution in the City or its work. Particularly during these difficult days, it has to pass through very hard trials. We are doing our best according to our limited capacity. If friends like Mr. Abid Ali really desire to work and produce better results, the way to do that is not by abusing and habitually finding fault.

As to the actual work that is being done at present under heavy odds, I must say in spite of Mr. Abid Ali that it is much more both in quality and quantity than in many a peaceful year. That is, however, not enough and I cordially invite Mr. Abid Ali give up this sulking habit and be constructive in his attitude, if he can be so once for a change.

"Attitudes And Latitudes"

By "BIRBAL"

Will the reconquest of the Philippines by the U. S. mean a slackening of American interest in the Pacific warfare? Such at least is the reading of the New York "Daily News", which has stated editorially that the capture of the Philippines will wind up all the Pacific war that strictly concerns the U. S. as a nation and which affects American national honour and pride. The New York daily asks why American blood and material should be spent on restoring Burma, Malaya and Hongkong to the British Empire and says it is time to invite Mr. Churchill and Marshal Stalin "to say it with men, planes and guns" if the British and Russian Empires in the East are to be restored.

That some such invitation has already been extended is indicated by the Washington report that perhaps Stalin's price for attacking Japan will be the restoration of Russia's position prior to 1904 and the establishment of Manchuria and Korea as "friendly independent Republics", presumably of the Lublin model. It is against such a deal at China's expense that Lin Yu Tang warns in his latest book "The Vigil of a Nation" pointing out that the encouragement given to Chinese Communists by the American capitalist press means the vivisection of China "in the same manner as the British are sympathetic to Mr. Jinnah's claim for the partition of India."

While Manila has fallen, the Japanese, following General MacArthur's precedent, have chosen the Bataan Peninsula and the fortress of Corregidor for their last stand. The "National" Government of President Jose P. Laurel has moved to Baguio, the summer capital.

JAPAN'S CRIPPS OFFER

Born of a Cripps Offer by the Japanese, the Laurel Government had last year declared war on the U.S.A. But there were many Filipinos who refused that Offer. One of these was Tomas Confessor, 54-year old Governor of Panay island with its 1,300,000 inhabitants. Replying to an invitation to accept the Japanese offer from a collaborationist friend, Confessor wrote setting out his terms for Filipino-Japanese friendship:—"She (Japan) should declare the Philippines free and independent, proclaiming at the same time our neutrality. To further demonstrate her sincerity of purpose to this end, she should evacuate all her forces, military establishments and other governmental organisations from the islands..... I am sure that should Japan declare this proposition and formally present the same to the U.S., the latter would be compelled to accept it..... Assuming that this proposition is acceptable to both Japan and America, we would then be free to establish and maintain our own system of government.

"Please present this to your friend Colonel Furukawa (Sir Stafford's counterpart) with the request that he submits this to superior authorities of the Imperial Government of Japan for consideration to put to a test the sincerity of Japan's desire to give us independence. I have carefully read and studied the three conditions for accomplishment by the Filipinos to entitle us to our independence under Japanese promise. Let me tell you frankly that we will never be independent under such conditions because they are impossible of achievement for at least a century."

What a perfect replica of the Congress attitude!

Commenting on Confessor's challenge to the Japanese, the U.S.O.W.I. "News File" Editor opined that Confessor's explanation "of why he repudiated collaboration with the enemy is a tribute to the courage, loyalty, and intelligence of the Filipino people."

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THE LAST STRAW.

No one is supposed to know exactly what happened at the hush-hush meetings of the Princes' Standing Committee in Bombay. Mystery is the most thrilling part of power politics and even when resultant action amounts to putting one's tail between one's legs, it is in the game to do it with impressive secrecy. But though their Highnesses' Standing Committee and their Publicity organization are silent about the Taj decisions, helpful friends are giving them away. An Anglo-Indian paper has been "informed" of and feels quite pleased about the Standing Committee's alleged decision to "request" the Political Department to permit it to hold fresh elections. Generously the paper has also recommended Viceregal leniency in dealing with their crest-fallen Highnesses. (Birbal on his part would add a general all's well-that-ends-well kind of whoopie to celebrate reunion). Indian public opinion does not mind the dear Princes having a little excitement all their own, even if agitational resignations look perilously like infringement of copyright in the field of plebian political tactics, but it will vehemently object to their Highnesses' decision—as per officially issued statement—to turn into Indian patriots on condition that the hole and corner arrangements they have with the Paramount Power be regarded as "covenants" on whose "permanence" will depend the "progress of civilization". That would indeed be too much. Indian nationalism is already desperate with a back-breaking load of fellow travelling ideologies. The Princely covenants will finish it.

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TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

The President disallowed two adjournment motions, one by Mr. Hossain Imam, on "the wrongful use of the Indian Army to fight Allied people in Greece", and the other by Mr. P. N. Sapru on the "failure of the Government to carry out the direction given to the Government in regard to South Africa."

—Council of State Report.

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"Let no one fail in his duty to his country. Let no one swerve from the high road of truth and honour"

This is Mr. Churchill. But before you in India rush to conclusions with loud applause please know and understand that Mr. Churchill was addressing the Greeks.

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From a Commons report: "Sir Herbert Williams (Conservative): 'Does it (the Atlantic Charter) apply to the Baltic Republics of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia?'

No answer was given".

As a matter of fact no answer could have been given.

Eh? No, of course not. How could Sir Herbert Williams possibly ask if it applied, say, to India or Burma?

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Mr. Attlee, acting Winston Churchill, explained that from the very beginning it was obvious that the Atlantic Charter embodied the general principles of the United Nations and "there was never any suggestion that this was a bargain with our enemy".

We now understand that there is no suggestion that the Atlanc Charter is a bargain with "our" friends either. At least a good many of them.

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Royists too demand release of leaders.

—Headline to a World T. U. Conference report.

This demand only proves the truth that men and, their "ists" don't necessarily think alike.

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"This year in Indo-China, as everywhere else throughout her Empire, France will retain her sovereignty".

—General de Gaulle.

Certainly. The Charters and Declarations allow it and the B g Three award it.

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The "sorrows of France", the General suggests, have intensified the practical necessities of her imperial policy.

In plain English, since France has suffered terribly at the hands of the Germans, the French Empire must continue to suffer servitude in rehabilitatory compensation.

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General Chou En-Lei, the Yenan delegate to Chungking, is reported to have declared that the Communists want Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek to be a Roosevelt not a Hitler.

But steady, Comrade, Roosevelt doesn't even mix with Earl Browder.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Coal may be high, but after it is once in the bin it soon gets lower.

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Even excuses that are made to order are not always satisfactory.

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No man knows what it is to be a woman, and ought to be glad of it.

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Love makes a man think almost as much of a girl as he does of himself.

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Speaking of women, attractive simpletons are more popular with men than intellectual bores.

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There is no question as to the goodness of the small boy who has no desire to throw stones at a yellow dog.

Ranji Trophy

Abdul Hafeez's Brilliant 145

NORTHERN INDIA COMPILES 309 FOR 6 WICKETS AFTER DOUBLE SET-BACK

By J. C. MAITRA

In the Inter-zone semi-final of the Cricket Championship of India for the Ranji Trophy, Northern India, having the first lease of the wickets, knocked up 309 for the loss of 6 wickets at the Brabourne Stadium on Friday. Abdul Hafeez, batting brilliantly, contributed 145 on his own account, and with the assistance of Ram Prakash, produced 185 runs for the third wicket.

PUBLIC APATHY

Only a sprinkling of spectators was present at the Stadium on Friday when the important engagement between Bombay and Northern India in the National Cricket Championship was commenced. Whatever may be the excuses it hardly speaks well of the love of cricket which the Bombay fans are said to entertain for the game. Many people might have thought it would be in the nature of a walk-over for the home team. But the visitors showed that they are capable of putting up a good fight.

AN EARLY SHOCK

Mahomed Sayeed, the visiting Captain, got the better of Vijay Merchant of the toss and elected to bat on a plumb wicket. But he received an early shock in that their opening pair was dismissed for the negligible collection of 24 runs only, Vijay Merchant being responsible for bagging both the wickets.

FINE PARTNERSHIP

The jubilation of the local side was however, shortlived, as Abdul Hafeez and Ram Prakash joined together to collar the home bowling in a systematic manner and then the former gave it a sound thrashing. In his stay of 202 minutes at the wickets, Hafeez batted faultlessly, showing little courtesy to any of the Bombay bowlers, and hit up the magnificent total of 145 which included 17 fours.

In view of the dangerous position in which he found his side, Ram Prakash played a cautious game throughout his stay of 175 minutes during which he helped Hafeez to compile 185 runs for the third wicket, himself contributing 48 off his own bat. A single hit to the boundary illumined his otherwise solemn career. He might have been more aggressive—at least in the later stage when his side had secured a firm position, but he preferred to remain in his dug-out till the end.

PHADKAR'S DEADLY SPELL

The rosy picture of a tall score which was looming large before the eyes of the visitors when their total was nearing 210 without further loss, was however shattered by Phadkar who in a deadly spell of 4 overs claimed 3 wickets, those of Ram Prakash, Hafeez and Mahomed Sayeed at a cost of 22 runs. Actually between 209 and 237 four wickets fell and changed the complexion of the game.

INTERESTING BATTLE AHEAD

Then it seemed that northern India would succumb completely long before 300 was reached. But Bhide brightened things up for them by knocking up the first 'sixer' of the day and assisted by Imtiaz Ahmed forced the score to rise to 309 without any breach in the partnership, their respective scores being 37 and 49.

Unless Bombay's bowling shows more sting, it will not be at all surprising if the visitors total reach the 400 mark. But that should not frighten Vijay Merchant, supported as he is by a number of good and reliable batsmen. Anyway it promises to be an interesting battle.

RIVAL TEAMS

BOMBAY:
V. M. Merchant (Capt.)
M. K. Mantri (W)
K. C. Ibrahim
V. B. Palwankar
K. K. Tarapore
U. M. Merchant
R. S. Cooper
R. S. Modi
D. G. Phadkar
J. J. Kore
M. N. Raiji

RESERVES:
Anwar Husein
N. H. Colah
E. S. Maka

NORTHERN INDIA
Mohmed Saeed (Capt.)
Imtiaz Ahmed (W)
Abdul Hafeez
Nazar Mohmed
Ram Prakash
M. Aslam
Munilal
Fazal Mohmud
Badruddin
Munawar Khan
M. R. Bhide

RESERVES:
Inderjit
Ashghar Ali

DETAILS OF FRIDAY'S GAME

Nazar Mohmed who opened the game off Phadkar opened his team's account with a single in the very first over. Vijay Merchant came from the opposite end and Nazar stole two off him. Merchant's last delivery however saw Nazar dismissed being caught in the gully by Uday Merchant. (3—1—3). This happened within the first five minutes of the game.

FIRST DECADE.

Abdul Hafeez came next, and the first decade went up the board after exactly a quarter of an hour of the game. Ten minutes later Merchant met with a further success when he got Munilal caught behind the wickets, Mantri making a sharp catch. (24—2—6).

Ram Prakash associated himself with Abdul Hafeez who heralded his partner's arrival with a country-drive off Phadkar, this being the first four of the match.

In his attempt to break the partnership Merchant effected quick changes in bowling. He tried Mody and then changed side with Phadkar. The bowling however did not impress the batsmen and they went on merrily. 50 were reached in a game of 47 minutes, and thereafter with score at 70 Hafeez reached his 50 mark with a brace off Merchant.

Further changes were effected in the bowling at this stage, the slow-spinners Tarapore and Kore being now tried for the first time, Hafeez treated both with scant courtesy, and frequently sent both to the boundary. The first Northern India century appeared on the board in as many minutes, and batsmen were now firmly set in the wickets.

Phadkar was again brought in from the pavilion end and a little before lunch Raiji was also tried. The pair however played out, and when the game closed for lunch they had already carried the score to 126.

After lunch, Ram Prakash faced Raiji who bowled from the Pavilion end. Kore came from the opposite side. Hafeez then completed his century in a game of 120 minutes. Ram Prakash had a life when he was at 26 Uday Merchant having missed him in the slips, Raiji being the bowler to suffer. Tarapore replaced Raiji from the Pavilion side. Bowling, in spite of its varying changes, was totally ineffective and runs increased with lightning rapidity. The result was that 200 of the game went up in a little under three hours. This included Hafeez's 138 and Prakash's 42.

PHADKAR'S SUCCESSES

At 203, new ball was taken, and Phadkar came to operate it first. The change proved ineffective for Phadkar in his third over successfully appealed for l.b.w. against Ram Prakash (209-3-48). The outgoing batsman had stayed in the wicket for 175 minutes, and his 45 included only one four. His partnership with Abdul Hafeez realized 185.

Phadkar followed up his initial success and in his next over got Abdul Hafeez caught by Raiji at the square-leg (214-4-145). Coming at a critical moment, Hafeez had changed the complexion of the game. His 145 which took him 200 minutes included 17 hits to the boundary.

Mohomed Saeed and Bhide now associated themselves into partnership which was to end soon.

Bhide for a while sent the crowd into ecstasy by hitting Phadkar beyond the boundary line this being the first sixer of the match. In the next over of that bowler, however Mohomed Saeed skied the ball at deep leg and Mody who fielded there made no mistake about it (221-5-8).

Mohomed Aslam joined Bhide and a little later when the game closed for tea the total stood at 235 for five.

After tea, Tarapore opened the attack from the pavilion end. Raiji who followed from the opposite side had his first victim in Aslam whom he got stumped (237-6-0).

Imtiaz Ahmed joined Bhide and this pair gave some good fight. They collared the bowling and raised the score to 300 in a little under ten minutes of the close.

A little before close, Merchant tried Ibrahim and Cooper with the leather, but to no purpose.

When the stumps were drawn for the day, Northern India had made 309 with four wickets intact. The seventh wicket unbeaten partnership had added 72.

NORTHERN INDIA (1st Innings)

Nazar Mohomed, c Uday, b V. Merchant	3
Munilal, c Mantri, b V. Merchant	6
Abdul Hafeez, c Raiji, b Phadkar	145
Ram Prakash, l.b.w., b Phadkar	48
Mohomed Saeed, c Mody, b Phadkar	8
M. R. Bhide, batting	37
Mohmad Aslam, st. b Raiji	0
Imtiaz Ahmed, batting	49
Extras	13
Total (for 6 wickets)	309

FALL OF WICKETS:—1/3; 2/24; 3/209; 4/214; 5/231; 6/237.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
D. G. Phadkar	19	2	48	3
V. M. Merchant	22	4	66	2
R. S. Modi	4	0	10	0
K. K. Tarapore	24	6	63	0
J. J. Kore	14	2	42	0
M. N. Raiji	19	5	53	1
K. C. Ibrahim	1	0	1	0
R. S. Cooper	1	1	0	0
Palwankar	6	0	13	0

NAYUDU JUBILEE FIXTURE ON FEB. 26

Deodhar To Captain C. C. I. XI

BOMBAY, Friday.

Arrangements are now complete for the Lt.-Col. C. K. Nayudu Golden Jubilee fixture to be played at the Brabourne Stadium on February 26, 27, 28 and March 1 and the Cricket Club of India, who have undertaken to stage this match on the initiative of the P. J. Hindu Gymkhana, have announced the sides that will participate in the fixture, as C. K. Nayudu's XI and the Cricket Club of India XI which will be skippered by the famous veteran, Prof. D. B. Deodhar.

Fifty per cent. of the net proceeds will be presented to C. K. Nayudu as a purse in appreciation of the great services rendered by him to the Indian cricket.

The two teams will be selected from the following players: C. K. Nayudu's XI: C. K. Nayudu (Capt.), M. K. Mantri, C. S. Nayudu, Rangachari, V. S. Hazare, Ramsingh, R. S. Modi, Mushtaqali, D. Compton, D. G. Phadkar, Gul Mahomed, C. T. Sarwate and R. B. Nimbalkar.

C. C. I. XI: D. B. Deodhar (Capt.), E. S. Maka, Amir Elahi, S. N. Banerjee, L. Amarnath, Vinoo Mankad, V. M. Merchant, K. C. Ibrahim, J. Hardstaff, R. S. Cooper, A. Hafeez, K. K. Tarapore and G. Kishenchand. —A.P.

FOUR DAYS & THREE NIGHTS NON-STOP CYCLE COMPETITION

The two cycle champions A. Husain and A. Khan taking part in competition are still running cycles at Y.M.M.A. ground Motlabai Street. They had started their effort on Wednesday 14th inst. at 11 a.m. A. Husain was riding with one man seated behind him. A. Khan was swinging a club of 6 lbs. on running cycles. After competition of 30 hours Mr. Prithvi Raj performed the ceremony of taking away the club and removing the second man seated behind the cyclist. They will end their effort after completing 80 hours at 7 p.m. to-day. Thousands of persons have visited this feat.

Manilal and Nazar Mahomed opening batsmen.

Mohamed Sayeed and Vijay Merchant, Captains of respective teams

ALLIES MOPPING UP JAPS ON RAMREE ISLAND

Eastern Air Command Wrecks Bridge On Burma-Siam Railway

ADV. H. Q. ALFSEA Feb. 16: To-day's S. E. A. C. Communique says:

FIFTEENTH INDIAN CORPS: On Ramree Island, our ground forces are engaged in mopping up the remaining Japanese troops. We have captured a village and two hill features north of Ramree town.

In the Kangaw sector, also mopping up operations continue.

FOURTEENTH ARMY: Troops of the Nineteenth Indian Division in the bridgehead east of the Irrawaddy have made progress east of Singu against opposition.

Heavy bombers of Eastern Air Command wrecked a bridge on the Burma-Siam Railway, damaged a road bridge in the same area and hit another railway bridge on the Bangkok-Chiengmai line. Other forces bombed dumps south of Mandalay.

A road bridge in Arakan was damaged and one in the Northern Combat Area wrecked.

One Allied aircraft is missing.

CHINESE CAPTURE PINGSHEK

CHUNGKING, Feb. 15: The Chinese have recaptured Pingshek on the Canton-Hankow railway about 150 miles north of Canton. They are now reported to control a 16-mile stretch of the line.

China's 'Eisenhower'

The Chinese General was called "The Eisenhower of China Theatre" today by Lt.-Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer Commander of the United States Forces in China. He is the former War Minister Gen. Hoyingchin commanding new headquarters at Kunming, China terminal of the Burma Road.

General Hoyingchin's task said Lt.-Gen. Wedemeyer is to secure the area in Chinese hands and prepare for the coming counter-offensive. Increased supplies are reaching Kunming and the training of Chinese troops is being carried out on a much larger scale.

BETTER OUTLOOK

Lieut-Gen. Wedemeyer admitted that he was pessimistic about the position of China three months ago, but said that today the situation of the Japanese there as everywhere else was now unfavourable and from every strategic consideration, it was deteriorating rapidly.

On China's future he declared "If China can resolve her political problems she will emerge from this war a very strong nation."

Jap Pocket In Manila Steadily Reduced

MANILA, Feb. 16.

The final pocket of Japanese resistance in Manila is "being steadily reduced," it is officially stated from General MacArthur's Headquarters.

The elaborate plans for the defence of the Philippines by which the Japanese "apparently hoped to hold Manila and the Manila Bay thus making this a turning point of the Luzon campaign were defeated by our forces."

Coastal defence positions at Corregidor were attacked from the air with 112 tons of bombs. Four hundred and twenty Japaneso planes were captured in Luzon in addition to "thousands of enemy planes destroyed."—Reuter.

Mahatma Stresses

NEED OF WOMEN WORKERS

Kasturba Fund Provincial Secretaries Confer At Wardha

WARDHA, Feb. 16.

Interrupting his "work fast," Mahatma Gandhi spoke yesterday at a meeting of the Provincial Secretaries of the Kasturba Gandhi Memorial Trust Fund held in the Khadi Vidyalaya Hall under the presidentship of Mrs. Ashadevi Aryanayakam.

Gandhiji in his speech emphasised the urgent need of women workers to carry on welfare work in villages which, he was sure, would be forthcoming as the country realised the importance of the uplift work before it. He pleaded for educated women receiving training under the schemes in contemplation and going into villages, at times taking necessary risks.

Seventeen Provinces were represented at yesterday's meeting and there was a large number of women secretaries.

The discussion touched the relation between the Centre and the Provinces in the matter of distribution of the Fund. The Trustees of the Fund will frame their programme and policy as a result of experience gathered at first hand from the secretaries who are continuing their discussion today. Mr. B. G. Kher, Dr. Syed Mahmud, Messrs. K. G. Mashruwala, Shrikrishnadas Jaju, A. V. Baopa, Devdas Gandhi, Mrs. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya, Mridulaben Sarabhai, Mr. Shantikumar Morarji and others were present.

At the end of the meeting some questions were put regarding the Kasturba Fund to which Gandhiji replied.

The total amount in the Fund now amounted to Rs. 1,24,00,000.

MEDICAL BOARD

The first meeting of the Advisory Medical Board under the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Fund will be held on February 18 under the Presidentship of Dr. Jivraj Mehta, who arrived here this morning.

It is learned that Dr. Syed Mahmud will go to Delhi on February 28 or March 1 in connection with the meeting of the Trustees of the Fund to be held there on March 3.

Three Courses For Workers

SEWAGRAM, Feb. 16.—The meeting of the Provincial Secretaries of the Kasturba Memorial Fund concluded today after recommending to the Executive Committee three courses for the training of workers. A pre-specialisation course to train workers for village uplift; then a specialisation course to train workers in midwifery and nursing; and finally a course for those who complete the second and offer themselves for special work. A training centre will be opened in Sewagram when these recommendations are accepted by the Committee.—A. P.

KASTURBA FUND EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

WARDHAGANJ, Feb. 16.—Mr. Amritlal Thakkar, General Secretary of the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Fund, announces "the meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Fund and its Executive which were to be held in Delhi in the first week of March have been postponed and will be held in Bombay on the following dates: Executive Committee April 1 and 2. Board of Trustees April 3 and 4.—A.P.

U. S. SOCIALISTS DEMAND FREEDOM FOR INDIA

LONDON, Feb. 16.

A call to the American people and the people of our Allies to demand an immediate political peace offensive based on the offer of an armistice to the people of Axis nations, has been made by the American Socialist Party, a voice of progressive America in a manifesto "Freedom for All."

The alternative to an uneasy and impermanent triple alliance for policing and exploiting the world, it says, is not an American first or isolationist imperialism equally dangerous to democracy and peace. But toward one or the other of these forms of imperialism and the fascism which accompanies it, the policies of both the old parties inexorably lead us.

Muslim Scholar Dead

(From Our Correspondent)

INDORE, Feb. 16.

Death occurred yesterday of Mujanid-e-Millat Wafadare Dowlat Maulvi Abdulghani aged 72. He was a great divine and as an orator on Islamic studies he was known throughout Gujarat, Kathiawar and Malwa. Twenty thousand Muslims, Bohras and Hindus attended his funeral.

Bombay Syrians Protest Against De Gaulle's Threat

The Syrians residing in the City of Bombay have formed an association known as the 'Syrian Association of India." On Friday evening, they held a tea party at which Mr. M. Y. Nurie, ex-Minister to the Government of Bombay, was present.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Subhai Ezel, the President of the Association observed:—

"We the Syrians and Lebanese who know the value of freedom and love it as other free nations do, cannot allow General de Gaulle to threaten our freedom in any way."

Mr. Tarek Yaffi, the Secretary, said that the Syrians and the Lebanese would like to see France as their liberator and not as their ruler and coloniser.

Mr. M. Y. Nurie, in an informal speech said that India always supported the cause of freedom of every country.

SCORES OF JAP PLANES DESTROYED

GUAM, Feb. 16: Another eye-witness to-day's attacks on Japan declared "scores" of planes were destroyed on ground.

INDIAN OFFICER WINS M.C.

ROME, Feb. 16: An Indian Viceroy's Commissioned Officer of a battalion of the 13th Frontier Force Rifles has won the M.C. in recent fighting on the Italian front alongside the Sixth South African Armoured Division.

He is Jemadar Karnail Singh, a Jat Sikh who lives in the Ferozepur District, Punjab.

KARACHI, Feb. 16: Sir Samuel Ranganathan, High Commissioner for India in England, returned to India to-day.

Accidents By Military Drivers

Plea In Council Of State For Stringent Measures

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16.

Compaints against "reckless driving" of military vehicles were made in the Council of State today in a debate on Haji Syed Mohammed Husain's resolution recommending that in view of frequent and serious accidents caused by these vehicles they should not be allowed to be driven within the limits of any Municipality, town area and Cantonment at a speed exceeding 15 miles an hour and no training of motor drivers be permitted within the above limits.

The mover suggested among other things that a Military Police party should be stationed in every town to keep a check of driping and help in tracking down bad drivers particularly those who drove so fast that the Civil Police could not even see the number plate after an accident.

Sir David Devadoss, Messrs. Mohamed Padshah, G. S. Motilal, Susil Kumar Roy Choughury, P. N. Sapru, Hossain Imam and Thirumala Rao supported the resolution and referred to accidents to which they said they were witnesses.

Sir David mentioned the accident in Madras in April last in which the postmaster-General Madras, was killed and added that it was revealed that the lorry which caused the accident was going at a terrific speed and skidded fifty to sixty yards.

Mr. Philip Mason, Joint Secretary, War Department, stated that the Commander-in-Chief had shown his agreement with the object of the resolution in a practical form and the mover's intention had been largely anticipated by Government by measures already taken to deal with the situation. He undertook, however, to send to Company Commanders copies of the debate in order to show them the importance attached by the Legislature to this matter.

Mason Quotes "Chronicle" Editor

Mr. Mason described some of the measures taken in Calcutta where Tramc Police patrol has been instituted with the result that accidents had decreased from 34 in April to 14 in October. In Bombay there was the testimony of the editor of the "Bombay Chronicle" that the measures taken by the military authorities had been satisfactory.

Mr. Sapru pleaded that military drivers should be taught the first essentials of gentlemanliness and to stop their vehicle after an accident, whatever the cause of the accident, and give first aid and other help.

Mr. Hosain Imam pointed out that Americans were exempt from the jurisdiction of Indian Courts and, therefore, had special obligation in the matter. American authorities should draw the attention of drivers to the laws of the roads in India.

Mr. Thirumala Row in his maiden speech in the Council said that in Coconada military drivers drove vehicles as if they were chasing the Japanese!

In response to Mr. Mason's appeal, the mover withdrew his resolution.

Mr. G. S. Motilal moved the next resolution which recommended to the Governor-General in Council that no less than half the accommodation in first and second class carriages and no less than two-thirds in inter and third class in all Mail, Express and Passenger trains be reserved for travel by the civilian population. He explained that the object of his resolution was to ameliorate the conditions of lower class travelling. Third class passengers were the best customers of the railways and yet they had the worst deal.

Mr. P. N. Sapru and Mr. V. V. Kalikar supported the resolution.

Mr. Thirumala Row said in a wayside station in his constituency third class booking had been stopped for a month!

Referring to the transport of military personnel Sir Arthur Griffin, Chief Commissioner for Railways, said the G. H. Q. had exercised great check in travelling. For some time now they were running two specials weekly from Calcutta to Bombay, Madras and other cities. Besides separate allotment of carriages to Defence personnel had eased the pressure of civilian traffic. A reduction in military traffic, he said, was impossible because operational movements must take place. He gave the assurance that the Railway Board would improve the conditions as soon as they could.

Mr. G. S. Motilal in view of the assurance of the Railway Commissioner withdrew his resolution.

The House rejected by 21 votes to P. N. Sapru's resolution recommending the appointment of a Commission drawn from the ranks f Indian Indian public life to examine and ganisation of the Services now recruited and controlled by the Secretary of State for India.

The Home Secretary Mr. Conran Smith opposed the resolution on constitutional grounds.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday.—A. P.

AHMEDABAD, SHARE MARKET

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 16.

Share market awaited budget news and consequently price range was narrow.

Anil Strach 597/8/0 Ambika 493 Calico 1418 Commercial 487/8/0 Jupiter 362 New Cotton 517/8/0 New Commercial 722/8/0 New National 410 Mafatlal Fine 1570 Maradon 193 Monogram 168 Rohit 370 Vijya 472/8/0 Saraspur 590.

KARACHI QUOTATIONS

KARACHI, Feb. 16.

Following are todaya closing quotations.

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CALICUT QUOTATIONS.

CALICUT Feb. 16.

Cocoanuts Raw 785, Dry 78, Cocoanut Oil 380, Copra Office 217/8, Dilpasand 227/8, Madrasmottam 230, Good Gooda 227/8, Pepper Wynaad 378, Country 345 Dry Ginger Chernad 280, Ernad 260, Coffee Robusta 90.

U. S. WARSHIPS SHELL TOKYO

1,500 Planes Pound Jap Capital For 9 Hours

U. S. Pacific Fleet Advanced Headquarters, GUAM, February 15.

The most powerful battleship and aircraft carrier force afloat poured more than 1,500 planes at Tokyo, while warships and army planes shelled and bombed the island to the south.

Carriers, protected literally by thousands of anti-aircraft guns mounted on ships, cruisers, and destroyers, disgorged swarms of planes in the first such naval sortie against Japan's Capital.

Admiral Chester Nimitz has announced that the Pacific Fleet units are now attacking installations in the Tokyo area.

The announcement said that powerful Pacific Fleet forces are attacking aerodromes and other important installations "in and around Tokyo".

It added, "This operation has long been planned and the opportunity to accomplish it fulfils the deeply cherished desire of every officer and man of the Pacific Fleet. The Pacific Fleet surface units are bombarding Iwojima in the volcano group.

"Vice-Admiral Marc Mitchell is in command of a powerful task force of the Pacific Fleet which is now attacking enemy aircraft, airbases and other military targets in and around Tokyo.

Aircraft of the strategic airforce in the Pacific Ocean areas are bombarding Iwojima and nearby positions in the Bonins. Fleet forces are under the tactical command of Admiral R. A. Spruance, Commander of the Fifth Fleet".

JAPANESE ADMISSION

A Japanese Imperial Communique issued at 6-20 p.m. Japanese time said that the attack by American planes was launched "from a powerful enemy task force" in waves for over nine hours.

The Japanese News Agency said the attack was made in three waves of which two waves were estimated at 200 planes each. The Agency said an American fleet numbering some thirty ships carried out naval barrages against Iwojima. A Communique identified the objectives of the raid as the Tokyo metropolitan area and the Shizuoka Prefecture.

The Japanese News Agency later reported a new raid lasting about an hour by Allied planes on the Japanese homeland, launched at 3-30 a.m. G.M.T., Friday.

ATTACK ON JAP HOMELAND.

NEW YORK: A Tokyo radio report picked up by the Office of War Information here states: "Several formations" of small American aircraft attacked air strips in the vicinity of the Japanese capital. It is stated, "this is the first raid of small aircraft on the Japanese homeland".

The broadcast said the time of the attack was 7-15 hours to-day, Japanese time, and added: "Enemy surface movements had been observed during the past few days".

The Columbia Broadcasting System correspondent, Wesley Edwards, broadcasting from Guam said: "Waves of carrier planes are sweeping over Tokyo". After referring to the Doolittle raid he said: "This one is different. This is one we have been waiting for. This is by many carriers. The warships include battle wagons".

"Greatest Task Force Ever Known To Man"

A despatch written from the Pacific Naval base by the Associated Press of America correspondent, Vern Haugland, before the sailing of the naval force now engaged in the attack on Tokyo, and which has now been released by the censors says: "The Task Force is so large it is difficult for the mind to grasp this fantastic mixture of large and small fighting ships and all auxiliary vessels needed to keep them armed, fuelled, and supplied.

"The Task Force is the greatest ever known to man—Greater than dreamed of a few years ago and will include the largest and newest American carrier battleships, light carriers, jeep-carriers, cruisers and destroyers.

"Ships of this, the greatest of the fighting fleets, will stand off Honshu (Japanese main island) forming a line, 200 miles or more up and down the coast while fighters, dive-bombers and torpedoplanes carry the war into the heart of Japan".—

HITTING AIRCRAFT PLANTS

Admiral Nimitz's Advance Headquarters in Guam:

Extensive operations in the Pacific are now threatening the heart of the Japanese Empire and opening up the prospect of blockading it into a condition for eventual invasion or of continuous air pounding to reduce its plane factories to ruins, it was stated here to-day.

DEFICIT BUDGET FOR BENGAL

Goswami Blames Niemeyer Award

CALCUTTA, Feb. 16

Presenting the seventh wartime and the first "rehabilitation" budget of the Government of Bengal to the Legislative Assembly to-day, Mr. T. C. Goswami, Finance Minister, drew a gloomy picture of the provincial finances which have been severely strained by the impact of the war and the famine and its aftermath to an extent of Rs. 61 crores from 1943-44 to 1945-46.

He revealed an estimated revenue deficit of Rs. 8,59,72,000 for 1945-46 and a deficit of Rs. 11,34,82,000 according to the revised estimates for 1944-45.

He announced no new measure of taxation, but indicated that Government had been considering further possibilities of augmenting their revenues.

Characterising the Niemeyer Award as unfair to Bengal for it restricted their power to raise additional revenue, Mr. Goswami assured the House that the complete case of the province had been presented to the Government of India by the Governor and himself, and it was reasonable to hope for a comprehensive settlement in the near future which would be free from any taint of injustice and niggardliness.—A.P

AGA KHAN IN CAIRO

CAIRO, Feb. 16: The Aga Khan on arrival here by air from Switzerland 'en route' to India said that he intended to take a bigger part in racing. He was considering increasing the stud in Ireland and plans to start a stud in India where land had already been reserved for breeding purposes.

Referring to his son Prince Aly Khan's horse ISPAHAN, who had been "nibbled at" for the Derby, he laughingly said: "It would be wonderful if two-years of running a stable had a dark horse good enough to trouble a Derby winner".

TEHERAN was quoted at hundred to one for the Derby during winter but eight to one on the day of the race when he finished a close second to the winner OCEAN SWELL. ISPAHAN was also hundred to one for this year's Derby but is now 33 to 1.

Before the Aga Khan left the French Riviera for India, where he will celebrate his diamond jubilee as the head of Ismailia Mohammedans, he gave 100,000 francs for welfare work in Antibes.

No Internment Of G. M. Syed

KARACHI, Feb. 16.—It is understood the Chief Secretary to the Government of Sind has, in reply to a query, informed Mr. G. M. Syed, President of the Sind Provincial Muslim League, that Government had no intention of serving an internment order on him. —A. P.

BANK BILL CONFERENCE

A Bank Bill Conference under the auspices of 'INDIA TO-MORROW' will be held at Calcutta on the 24th February, 1945, to discuss the Hon'ble Finance Member's proposed Bank Bill in all its aspects and specially its effects on Trades and Industries. Mr. J. C. Das, Chairman, Bengal Central Bank Ltd. will preside.

Special arrangements have been made for holding a Conference with the members of the Central Legislature at Delhi during the current Assembly session.

Karmabir Alamohan Dass, Mr. Debangshu Sen Gupta, Dr. J. N. Maitra, Principal J. K. Choudhuri, Vice-Principal A. K. Sen, Vice-Principal H. S. Chatterjee, Vice-Principal H. C. Ghosh, Profs. Humayun Kabir, K. N. Sen, S. N. Banerjee, B. B. Chakravarty, Mr. H. Sen Gupta, Mr. B. Mukherjee, Mr. S. Biswas, Mr. H. Naug, Sjts. Jnananjan Niyogi, D. M. Lahiri, P. P. Chatterjee, P. K. Ghosal, D. N. Ghosh, J. L. Saha, N. L. Ghosh, K. Bhattacharya, P. S. Roy, Raghunath Dutta, Sachindranath Chatterjee, Haridas Mazumder and Syed Badruddoza will address the Conference.

Educational institutions, Banks, Industrial and Commercial concerns, Chambers of Commerce, Calcutta Corporation, Municipalities, District Boards, Local Boards, etc., are requested to send their representatives as delegates to make the Conference all success by putting forth their valued suggestions to help the Government of India to frame and enact the proposed Bill as required for the healthy development of trades and industries of the country.

Correspondence & Contributions to be addressed to the Editor, INDIA TO-MORROW, Convener of the Conference (College Street Market or 1|1, Vanittart Row, Dalhousie Sq. South, Calcutta. NEW DEHLI office is going to be opened shortly.

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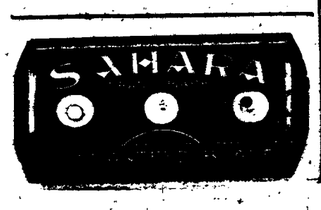

"We Want Him To Be Roosevelt, Not Hitler"

"Communists Opposed To Present One Party Dictatorship Of Chiang"

CHUNGKING, Feb. 15.

The Communist Negotiator Chou En Lai returned to Yenan today after fruitless negotiations which ended with his rejection of the Government proposals for a settlement. Chou has brought fresh Government proposals but it is indicated that these will also be rejected.

Chou said that the Government's statement on the negotiations was unfair, because it did not include the conditions under which the so-called concessions would be granted—for example, the Government would only give the Communists legal status as a party if they placed the Red Armies under the Kuomintang.

The Government insisted on the maintenance of one party rulers. The communists would not accept the representation on the consultative body which would in effect be an instrument of the Kuomintang.

The communists wanted the immediate convocation of an All Party Conference to discuss how to terminate the present one party dictatorship and establish a democratic Coalition Government and a unified high command. The Communists, he said, did not object to Marshal Chiang Kai Shek's leadership, but "we want him to be Roosevelt, not Hitler."—Reuter.

M. P.'s Praise For Indian Troops In Italy

ROME, Feb. 15: Shortly before he took off from a Rome airfield in a plane which was later reported missing Capt. Robert Bernays, Liberal National M. P., for Briston North, concluded an 18-day tour of the Italian battle fronts with a striking tribute to the Indian soldier.

"We were struck with admiration and wonder at the cheerfulness with which Indian troops, unaccustomed to severe winter conditions are facing the cold and snow that now prevail all over the front—particularly on the Fifth Army sector", Capt. Bernays told an Indian Army observer.

Capt. Bernays, who was one of the party of six British M.P.'s touring the Italian front, was in 1931 the special correspondent of the London "News Chronicle" in India, and is the author of "Naked Fakir"—a study of Mahatma Gandhi.—A. P.

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INCREASE IN MILK QUANTUM
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AMERICAN AWARDS FOR GALLANTRY: American Silver Stars were presented to three members named below, of the 77 Indian Inf. Bde. by Maj.-Gen. F. D. Merryll Deputy Theatre Commander of U. S. Army, at Malthone, C. P., recently. Awards were in recognition of outstanding gallantry. The heroes were (Left to right): Jem. Ryshi Ramiale, Lieut. (now Capt.), J. E. D. Willcox, and L/Nk. (now Nk.) Balbir Pun.

WHITES ANXIOUS TO GET RID OF INDIAN INTEREST IN AFRICA

Kenya Official Envisages Protracted And Serious Post-War Conflict

Speaking at the annual general meeting of the Africa and Overseas Merchants' Chamber held at Manekia House, Dhobitalao on Wednesday evening Mr Ambalal B. Patel, member of the Governor's Cabinet, Kenya, envisaged a serious and protracted post-war conflict between Indians and Whites of Africa. He observed that with the turn of events in the present war in favour of the Allies the Whites had once more come out in their true colours with their age-long prejudices against Indians. The Whites he said, looked upon Indians with suspicion and jealousy and were anxious to eliminate Indian interests in Africa. Their desire to form a Regional Council for all-Africa showed that they could not even trust the British in their campaign of driving out Asiatics.

Continuing Mr. Patel warned Indian exporters to Africa against the anticipated post-war competition by the U. S. A. and the United Kingdom and advised them to devise ways and means to safeguard the interests of their export trade when such competition came.

Mr. Patel made it clear that the Indian High Commissioner was not at all welcome among Indians in S. Africa.

Concluding, Mr. Patel advised that in the projected constitution of the Regional Council for all Africa, India should secure representation on the ground of her economic and strategic interests in Africa, specially the coastal territories.

CHAMBER'S PLEDGE TO INDIANS

Reviewing the working of the Chamber during the year, Mr. Dawood Haji Nasser who presided, referred to the efforts made by them to bring home to the authorities their just and legitimate grievances. He saw ahead a great struggle and reiterated the pledge of the Chamber to protect the rights of their Indian brethren abroad who were trading in a hostile atmosphere.

Referring to the war situation, Mr. Nasser said:—

"Whatever the prophets of despair and pessimism have to say I believe that the current year may prove to be a year of hope for the politics and economy of this vast sub-Continent. Elections have been held in spite of the hustle-bustle of the war in America, Australia, South Africa and Egypt and popular Governments have been set up there. I believe that at this hour of destiny if the Congress leaders were to be released and if a popular Government is set up at the Centre it will accelerate the fulfilment of the aspirations of the people of this country. The Far East war is looming large and it will be a gesture of goodwill of the soldier Viceroy to pave the way for an All-Party Government at the Centre by releasing the anti-Fascist elements who are now in jail and who are the potential friends of Democracies."

COASTAL SHIPPING

Adverting to the question of coastal shipping, Mr. Nasser urged upon the Government of India to further harness the dormant naval instinct of Indians, so that they might form from this nucleus a proud Indian Navy in the years to come.

IMMIGRATION

Referring to the problem of immigration to East Africa, the speaker reminded those present of the delegation they had sent to the Commonwealth Relations Member in March last to draw the attention of the Government of India towards the notorious immigration restrictions promulgated under the Defence Rules, and said:—

"India looks upon East Africa as an international territory and no amount of assurances to the effect that this mischievous immigration restrictions will automatically lapse with the conclusion if hostilities, can satisfy India. If the Commonwealth idea is to endure, India wishes that these measures be repealed with grace here and now. In any case they should not be renewed after their expiry next month.

I reiterate from this platform my considered opinion that India has saved East Africa for the Commonwealth not only during the last world war but also during the present war. When the Italians were knocking the doors of Kenya, it was the Indian Army that protected this Colony and consequently the Government of India are expected to appreciate the strong feeling this Chamber entertains with regard to East Africa.

By a resolution unanimously adopted Mr. Nasser was re-elected president of the Chamber for the sixth time in succession.

The annual report was also adopted unanimously.

The meeting dissolved after appointing the new Managing Committee for the current year.

SWEEPER WINS I. D. S. MEDAL.

IMPHAL, Feb. 15: For recovering the body of a dead comrade under a continuous hail of Jap machine gun fire, a sweeper of an Indian mountain artillery regiment has been awarded the I.D.S.M. He is Follower Ram Sarup of Motawala village, Jhind State.

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RENEWAL OF RATION CARDS IN CITY AND SUBURBS.
(WEEK—FEBRUARY 18 TO FEBRUARY 24)

The work of renewing the current ration cards in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District by pasting slips over the reverse side will be done during the week February 18 to 24 at the shops mentioned below.

Those whose cards are registered at any of those shops should send all the cards of the household on the usual day during the week when they normally draw their rations and got them renewed. Cards should be got renewed even if no rations are drawn during the week.

RATIONS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE DRAWN ON UNRENEWED CARDS DURING SUBSEQUENT WEEKS.

The hours for renewal and also for issue of rations at ration shops concerned during the week will be 8-30 a.m. to 11-30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and at the Government Grain shops 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A WARD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 11, 348 and 353. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 151 and 182. CO-OPERATIVE STORES Nos. 14 and 18. Communal Store No. 38.

B WARD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 21, 37, 377, 382, 472, 481, 554, and 559. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOP—No. 44.

C WARD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 52, 54, 56, 85, 117, 429, 486, 506 and 521. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 3, 74, 127, 141 and 152. CO-OPERATIVE STORES—No. 30. COMMUNAL STORES—Nos. 10, 12 and 27.

D WARD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 119, 121, 124, 126, 146, 158, 371, 411, 499, 520, and 544. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 106, 167 and 240. COMMUNAL STORES—Nos. 4 and 57.

E (EAST)—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 196, 202, 213, 215, 483 and 539. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 68 and 132.

E (WEST)—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 164, 165, 175, 176, 177, 179, 228, 232, 368 and 454. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 15, 42, 69 and 178.

F (NORTH)—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 252, 273 and 364. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 103 and 158. CO-OPERATIVE STORE—No. 6. COMMUNAL STORES—Nos. 26 and 70.

F (SOUTH)—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 185, 186, 187, 269, 409 and 456. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOP—No. 121.

G (NORTH)—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 283, 284, 289, 290, 292, 296, and 360. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 82, 83 and 120. CO-OPERATIVE STORE—No. 4. COMMUNAL STORE No. 61.

G (SOUTH)—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 299, 311, 313, 406, and 465. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 111, and 119.

BANDRA—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 208 and 209.

BORIVALI—RATION SHOPS—Nos. BOR/6 and BOR/7.

PARLE-ANDHERI—RATION SHOPS—Nos. A/10, A/11, A/12, A/13, and A/16. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 93, 94 and 215.

MALAD—RATION SHOP—No. MD/11. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 232 and 246.

KURLA—RATION SHOPS—Nos. K/1 and K/2. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOP—No. 185.

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INDIANS TO FLOAT SHIPPING COMPANY IN BRITAIN

Director Of Indian Tourist Agency Discloses Plan

LONDON, Feb. 15.

A new Indian Shipping Company, financed, controlled and managed by Indians with a capital of 100,000 sterling is to be formed in Britain. it was stated by Mr. N. Ghose, Director of Indian Tourist Agency at a press reception here today.

Mr. Ghose, who has lived in Britain for the past 19 years, said that the new company would not compete with the Scindia line and would not limit its scope to Indian coastal trade.

The company proposed to acquire freighters and tankers for hiring in open market and negotiate with the United States maritime commission for the purchase of surplus liberty ships for conversion to Indian coastal trade requirements.—Reuter.

"SECRET DOCUMENT"

Sequel To Its Sensational Leakage

LONDON, Feb. 15: Inclusion in the Peace Treaty of Provision for a permanent intelligence organisation, composed of British, Russian and United States observers to be stationed in Germany and Japan, is advocated by Senator Edwin Johnson, of Colorado, a member of the U. S. Senate Military Affairs Committee.

The Washington correspondent of the "Daily Express" says Senator Johnson disclosed this following the sensational publication in American newspapers of "a highly confidential and secret memorandum" to President Roosevelt from Brigadier-General William Donovan, Director of the Office of Strategic Services, which co-ordinates intelligence information.

The memorandum proposes an all-powerful post-war central Intelligence service, consolidating all Secret Service and Intelligence units now divided among a dozen bureaus under the President. The memorandum is quoted as saying: "Once our enemies are defeated the demand will be equally pressing for information that will aid in solving the problems of peace."

It is added that Washington, hardened to leakage of State papers and diplomatic documents, is more than unusually surprised about this revelation concerning the very organisation whose job it is to prevent such leakages. According to the "Daily Express" correspondent, the memorandum is accepted as authentic.—Globe.

Russian Gift To King Farouk

CAIRO Feb. 15: When the Russian Minister in Egypt was received King Farouk, he is understood to have presented the King with a valuable collection of modern Russian weapons as a birthday gift from the Soviet Government.—GLOBE.

Bombay Plan Is "Bible" Of Sheffield

SHEFFIELD, Feb. 13: Written by a group of Indian industrialists, a new book "A Plan for the Economic Development of India" is regarded by many Sheffield industrial experts as the most informative publication they have seen on the subject of India's future industrialisation. The book, issued in one of the popular pocket-size series is being closely studied by Sheffield manufacturers.

One said: "It is our up-to-date 'bible' on India's industrial future".

In the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce there is a copy which has been marked with a view to the possibility of Sheffield's part in this progress. The Secretary of the Chamber told Globe: "The book has many excellent ideas, especially in the transport sphere".

Two editions have been sold out in Britain and another is being prepared. A further part of the same book is being brought out in a few months' time.—GLOBE.

Venezuela Declares War Against Axis

CARACAS, Feb. 15.

The existence of state of war with Germany and Japan has been recognised by the Government, it was announced to-night.—Reuter

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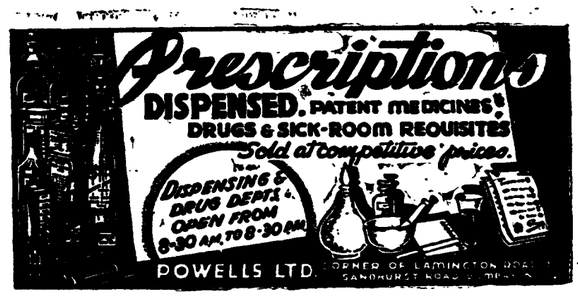
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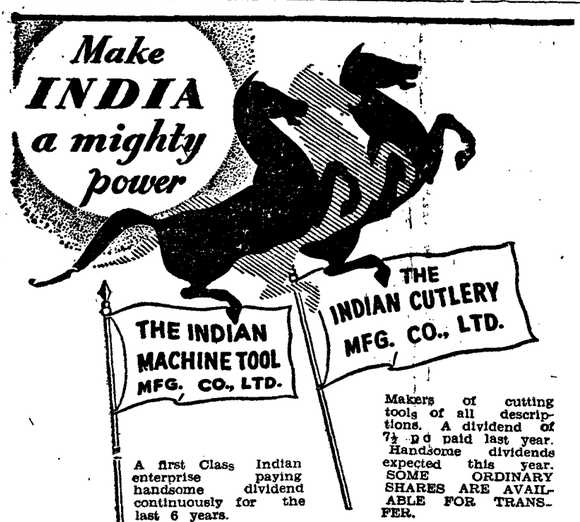

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Tata Steel Shares Move Up

BULLION MARKET REACTS AFTER FIRM OPENING

Cotton Dull And Small Turnover

BOMBAY, February 16.

The Share Bazar opened with a feeling of confidence, with no fears of any possible increase in taxation in the Central Budget. This hope is based on the Railway Budget wherein it is mentioned that Tata Irons are to be given engines and boiler manufacturing plants from April. There was improved demand for Steel Shares and Dfds. gained Rs. 25/- and Ordinary Shares Rs. 6/- Textile Shares were also steady in sympathy with the Textile Section but trading was restricted. The rise induced scattered realising and tone was steady.

The Bullion Market opened firm but later on there was persistent long liquidation and tone was quietly steady.

Cotton Market was dull and featureless with a restricted turnover.

The Share Bazar opened very steady and slowly moved up under slightly improved demand. Steel Section was very steady on the belief that the industry has a bright future and the coming Budget is not likely to show any increase in taxation. Steel Shares opened firm and Tata Steel Dfds. were quoted at Rs. 2,130 and moderate buying advanced to Rs. 2,140 and later reacted at Rs. 2,127. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 397 and steadied at Rs. 398. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs 1,780 and steadied at Rs. 1,782. Kohinoor Shares opened at Rs. 592 and improved to Rs. 595. It being week-end session turnover was limited.

TEXTILE : Ahmedabad Advance 445, Apollo 4-2-1/2, Bharat Spg. 62, Bom. Dyeing 1,780, Central India 385, Century 910, Colaba 214, Dawn 1,250, Edward 810, Elphinstone 87, Finlay 307, Gokak 296, Hindustan 3,625, Ind. Bleaching 174/8, India United Ord. 14/15, India United Def. 3/2/6, Indore 693/12, Khatau 332/8, Kohinoor 596, Lakshmi 1,305, Madhovji 16, Minerva 265, Model Nagpur 252/8, Madhusudan 447/8, Meyer 213/12, Morarji 680, Mysore 340, New Great 390, Phoenix 582, Podar 335, Sassoon Silk 89, Sassoon Cotton 23, Srinivas 350, Sholapur 7,590, Simplex 260, Svadeshi 533, Swan 320, Tata Mills 68/12, Vishnu 465, Western India 3,580.

INSURANCE: Bombay Life 875, Empire Life 1,395, Vulcan 17/12, Oriental 6,650, New India 81, All-India Gen. pr. 2/8, Industrial Prudential 46, Indian Mercantile 70/4, Jupiter 35/12, B. I. G. 22.

HYDRO & ELECTRIC : Ahmedabad Electric 212/8, Andhra Valley 1,797/8, Ajmere 15, Bombay Tram 148/8, Bombay Suburban 212, Broach 12/12, Karachi 234/6, Poona 300, Surat Old 217, Surat New pr. 90, Tata Power 1,867, Tata Hydro 204.

BANK : Baroda Bank 140/12, India 192, Central 81/12, Dena Bank 72, Imperial F. P. 1,970, Imperial P. P. 491/14, Reserve Bank 133/4, National Sav. F. P. 79/8, National Sav. P. P. 39/12, United Commercial 71.

PREF. SHARES : 7 p c Andhra Valley 1,672, 6 p c Bom. Steamer 350, 7 p c Bombay Tram T. F. 70/8, 7 p c Bradbury 542, 7 p c Elphinstone 122/8, 5 p c Central India 737, 6-1/2 p c Jupiter 18/14, 6-1/2 p c Surat 195, 6 p c Tata 1st 232, 7-1/2 p c Tata 2nd 160/8, 7-1/2 p c Tata Power 1,782/8, 7 p c Tata Hydro 168/12, 7 p c Vishnu 802/8.

DEBENTURES : 4 p c Andhra Valley 108, 4 p c Tata Power 107/10, 4 p c Tata Chemical 127/8, 6 p c Marsland Price 121, 4-1/2 p c Bombay Steam 103.

RAILWAY : Ahmedabad Pranuj 746/4, Cent. Province 103/8, Dhond Baramati Nil, Hosiarpur 118/12, Mandrabhon 109, Mymensign Rld. 111, Mymensigh Gld. 111/4, Sarasirajganj 112/8, Sialkot Nar. 121, Sialkot New 53.

MISCELLANEOUS : Alembic 365, Alcock 435, Associated Cement 239, Burma Old 550, Burma New 206/4, Belapur Sugar 223, B. B. Petrols 5-5-1/2, Bombay Steamer 570, Investa Trust 126, Premier Construct 219, Port Canning 103/8, Scindia 34/8, Shivrajpur 55, Tata Chemical 20/4, Tata Oil 60/8, Tata Ordinary 397, Tata Deferreds 2,133/12, Wimco 332/8, B. I. C. 6/8, Bradbury 391, Burma Corporation 5/8/6, Dharamshi Chem. 51/14, Indian Copper 3/1, Indian Irons 39/8, Jaipur Bank 73, H. C. Bank 55, Habib Bank 80, Union Bank 9/8, New Vict. Ord. 7/6, New Vict. Pref. 9/4, New City 395, New Union 24, Steel Corp. 33, Raza Text. 79, Rampur Maize 43/8.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

BOMBAY, Feb. 16.

3½ p c G P Notes 99/10, 3 p c 1963/65 99/12, 3 p c 1966/69 98/0, 4 p c 1960/70 112/10, 4½ p c 1955/60 117/8, 3½ p c 1947/50 103/6, 2-3/4 p c 1948/52 99/8/0, 3 p c 1945 def 1st 102/6/9, 3 p c 1949/52 2nd 101/5/6, 3 p c 1951/54 3rd 100/10/0, 3 p c 1953/55 4th 100/2/0, 3 p c 1957/Vict. 99/10/0

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 p c BPT 1974 113/12, 4 p c M Deb 1974 113/12, 5 p c M Deb 1959 121/0, 6 p c M Deb 1954 130/0, 6 p c M.P.T. 1956 130/0

TAX-FREE LOANS

5 p c 1945/55 102/11, 4 p c 1953/55

Gold & Silver

The local market was very steady to-day at the opening but later declined on moderate realising. It appears that the local urgent buying is now satisfied and beyond Calcutta buying there is no support.

The Reserve Bank of India sold today 300 bars of Silver at Rs. 136/4 and 14,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 73/4.

In the forward market Gold after advancing to Rs. 73/4 declined to Rs 72/14. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 73/8. Forward Silver also after advancing to Rs. 126/4 reacted at Rs. 125/8. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs 125/14.

Later on there was moderate realising and the market ruled quiet. Closing quotations were as under :—

SILVER.

Ready	125	0	0
Forward	124	12	0

GOLD.

Ready	72	14	0
Forward	72	6	0

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RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.

BOMBAY, Feb. 16.

MILLS.

Apollo 4/2 4/4/6
B. Dyeing 1778/12 80
Central India (Ord) 385
Century 905
Colaba 216
David 1425
Edward 805/8 20 10
Elphinstone 85/8 87
Finlay 307/8 7
Gokak 296
India United (Defd) 3/2/6
India United (Ordy) 14/15
Indore Malwa 693/12 96/4 93/12
Khatau 333/12
Kohinoor 591 96
Luxmi 1302/8 5
Meyer 213/12
Model 25a
Morarjee 680
Mysore 33b (Ex. Div)
New Great 390
Sassoon Cotton 23
Simplex 259 58/8 60
Swadeshi 533
Swan 324
Tata Mills 68/8 68/4 68/12

BANKS.

Baroda 141
Central 81/8 81/12 81/8 81/12
Imperial (Old) 1970
India 192/8
National Savings (F. P.) 79/8
National Savings (P. P.) 39/12
Reserve 133/4

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 211/4 12/8
Amalgamated (Ord) 18/4
Andhra Valley 1772/8
Tram (Ord) 148/8
Tram (Pref) 70/8 (Ex. Div)
Tata Hydro 204
Tata Power 1870

INSURANCE.

British India 22/2
Empire Life 1400 1395
Indian Merchantile 70/4
Jupiter 36/8
New India 80/12 81
Oriental 6650
Bombay Steam 570
Scindia 34/5 34/8
Tata Steel (Defd) 2127/8 33/12
Tata Steel (Ord) 396/8 97
Tata Steel (2nd Pref) 160 60/8

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 433/12
A. Cement 239
Belapur 227
Burmah (Old) 550
Burmah (New) 206/4 5 6/4
B. B. Petrol 5/4/6 5/5/8 5/5/6
Indian Bleaching 174/8
I. I. Trust 150
P. Construction 217/8
Shivrajpur 55/8
Tata Chemical 21/12
Western India Match 331/4 32/8
Indian Radio (Ord) 'B' 427/8

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Bombay Cotton

The local Cotton Market was quietly steady and in the absence of any important business quotations fluctuated within a range of annas eight during the early part. The market opened at Rs. 440/8 for March delivery and after advancing to Rs. 440/12 reacted to Rs. 440/4 and steadied at Rs. 440/6. The market was dull awaiting declaration of options next week.

The market was dull with a restricted turnover and quotations were stationary. The market finally closed at 6 p.m. as under :—

I.C.C. March	440	8	0
I.C.C. May	452	0	0
I.C.C. July	465	0	0

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

	Hi.	Lo.	Close.
I.C.C. March	442/8	439/8	440
I.C.C. May	455/8	451/8	452/8
I.C.C. July	468	464/8	465/8

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA.

Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 9th February, 1945 :—

LIABILITIES.

CAPITAL : Rs. 5,62,50,000; Reserve Fund Rs. 6,00,00,000; Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts Rs. 232,23,54,000; Sundries Rs. 70,67,000. Total Rs. 244,56,71,000.

ASSETS.

INVESTMENTS : Government Securities Rs. 138,24,64,000; Other Authorised Investments Rs. 4,05,87,000. ADVANCES : Loans Rs. 22,29,47,000; Cash Credits and Overdrafts Rs. 43,42,97,000. Bills Discounted and Purchased Rs. 6,43,83,000; Dead Stock Rs. 1,66,50,000; Sundries Rs. 1,07,28,000. CASH : In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India Rs. 25,89,27,000; Balances with other Banks Rs 1,47,58,000. Total Rs. 244,56,71,000.

POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS.

Statement of the position of Scheduled Banks as at the close of business on the 9th February :—

Demand Liabilities in India Rs. 610,89,67,000; Time Liabilities in India Rs. 215,17,56,000; Cash in India : (i) Currency Notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes Rs. 25,73,36,000; (ii) Rupee Coin Rs. 1,30,62,000; (iii) Subsidiary Coin Rs. 59,31,000; Balances with Reserve Bank Rs. 70,02,71,000; Advances in India Rs. 259,81,72,000; Bills discounted in India Rs. 14,08,77,000.

SCARCITY OF CONTRACTS ON N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.

The opening gains on price-fixing were extended under the leadership of new crops on trade buying and covering. Inflation psychology was still a market factor, while effectiveness of Government support programme and talk of possible early action on the Pace Bill also attracted attention. Latterly prices ruled relatively firm reflecting persistent dribbling price-fixing and scarcity of contracts and absence of fresh news. The session closed very steady. March opened at 21.96 which was the lowest and advanced to 22.05. The market closed at a net rise of 10 to 8 points. Spot Cotton price was raised 7 points at 22.39 c. per lb.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Feb. 15.

March 22.05+10, May 21.94+08, July 21.56+08, October 20.91+09 December 20.82+09, January 20.76+09, March highest (2-43 p.m.) 22.05+10, March lowest (10 a.m.) 21.96+01. Middling Spot 22.39+07

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

March 21.91+06, May 21.91+03, July 21.55+03, Middling Spot 21.45+05.

NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL.

March 22.00 May 21.90, July 21.55.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Rupee Paper 3-1/2 p c £72-3/4 Consols 2-1/2 p c £82-7/8, Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961 £106-7/8, War Loan 3-1/2 p c £104-15/16, Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90 £114-7/8, Victory Bonds 4 p c £113-3/16, Chartered Bank of I. A. & China £11, Hongkong Shanghai Bank (London Reg.) £89, National Bank of India £43.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURNS

LONDON, Feb. 15.

	This Week
Total Bullion	1,789,000
Public Deposits	13,200,000
(A) Other Deposits	243,300,000
Government Securities	216,000,000
(B) Other Securities	14,100,000
Note Gold And Silver Coin	32,930,000
Notes in Circulation	1,218,900,000
Ratio of Reserve to Liabilities	12,83 %
(A) Other Deposits, include Bankers	183,600,000
Other Securities include Discounts And Advances	10,200,000
Total Deposits	256,100,000
Total Securities	231,000,000

LONDON BULLION.

London, Feb. 15.

Spot 25-1/2, Forward 25-1/2. Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8/8/0.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

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LONDON WHEAT.

Wheat Rozario Sainta Fe (New Crop) 41 March quoted.

REDUCTION IN JUTE AREA.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 15.

The Jute acreage in Bengal this year is fixed at 50 per cent of the basic year (1940) and licenses will be issued by the Bengal Government for this area, says an official press note. The Central Government will guarantee a minimum price of Rs. 15 and a maximum price of Rs. 17 per maund for Raw Jute on the basis of jat middles and at the appropriate parity prices in selected principal up-country purchasing centres.

The Central Government will, if necessary, purchase Raw Jute to maintain the minimum prices and requisition Raw Jute at the maximum prices if the commodity goes above the fixed maximum levels. The Jute (price control) order, 1944, fixing maximum selling prices for manufactured Jute goods will remain in force. The agreement between the Bengal and Central Governments embodying the above will be effective till 31st March 1946.

CALCUTTA SHARE BAZAR

CALCUTTA, Feb. 16.

The market showed no material alteration and a moderate business was put through in all sections. Government securities ruled steady.

3 per cent loan 1953/55 100/1/6 3 per cent loan 1966/68 96/2 3 per cent Government Paper 90/8 S Lot 3-1/2 per cent Government Paper 99/9 Bank : Reserve Bank 132 : Cawnpore Textiles 13/10 Elgin Mills 64/12 New Victoria Ordy 7/11 Amalgamated 5174 Bengal Coal Singaora 1½ Dhemo Main 28 Bokaro and Ramgaur 48/15 East Indian 39/4 Equitable 66/10 Nasira 20 New Churulia 12/5 New Beerbhoom 39/8 Satpukuria and Asansol 9/14 Searsole 13/10 South Karanpura 30/3 Talcher 12/12 Alliance 618/8 Auckland 339; Anglo-India 462 Barnagore 217 Reivedere 525 Champdany 266 India 692/8 Kankanarran 581 Nuddea 128 Presidency 12/7 Kamarhatty 684 Orient 261 Reliance 73/8 :—Burma Corpn 5/11 Indian Copper 3/2 Consolidated Tin 3/14 Assam Bengal Cement Ordy 17/8 Bhartia Klec Steel 20/15 B I Elec Cons 19/4 Braithwaite and Co 12/11 Burn and Co Ordy 402/8 S Lot Jessop and Co 24/5 National Iron and Steel 12/11 B I Corpn Ordy 6/8 Dunlop Rubber 59/8 S Lot Indian National Airways (Ordy) 24/5 National Insulated Cable 14/5 British Burma Petroleum 5/7 Madnapore Zemindary 173 India Genl Navgn 190 : Belsund 15/14 Buland 40 Small CDD Lot Carew 27/8 Champeran 38/2 Darbhanga 227/8 New Savan 27/9 Teas : Banarhat Ordy 910 Hasimara 82/4 Loobah 16/12 Singell 108 Teloijan 13/14 Tespore Ord 20/8 S Lot

MADRAS SHARE BAZAR.

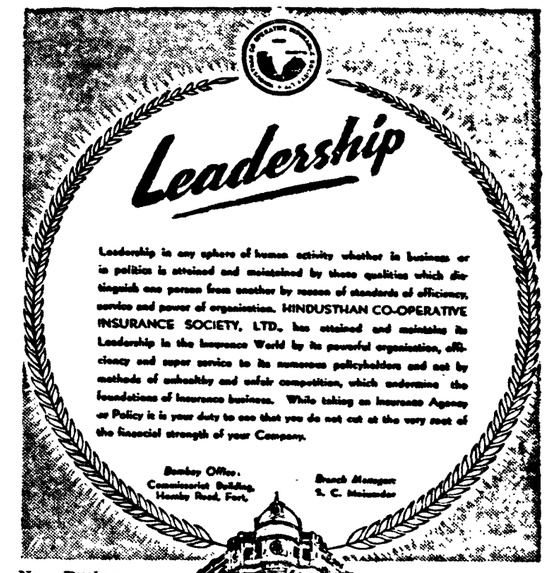
MADRAS, Feb. 16.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Deccan 39, Do. 92/4, India Sugar 34, Mysore Sugar 61/8, South India 16/8 Travancore 14/6.

PLANTINGS : Cochin Malabar 17/2, Chembra Peaks 9/14, Pringfords 17, High Produce 33/12, Kalpettas 36, Kaisas 14/14, Malankara 80, Ouchterlony 10/10, Pullangodes 3, Thirumbadi 4/9/8, Valkundan 20/14, Vellamalai 29/10, Vellitam 30.

TEXTILES : B. and C. Ordy. 307, Cambodia 30/10, Janardhana 125, Kaleeswarar 725, Mettur 251/8, Vasantha 309.

MISCELLANEOUS : And Cement 117, Hind Trust 25, Ind. St. Roll 9/3, Mysore Chem. and Fert 25/12, Mettur Chem. 16/4, Do. Dfds. 6/6, Singareni 21/12, Spencer 13/14.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Wanted an experienced Lady Sub-Assistant Surgeon for appointment in Women's Hospital, Bharatpur, salary Rs 125 p.m with free unfurnished quarter or house-rent in lieu of. Age not exceeding 30 years. Apply with copies of certificates to the Chief Medical Officer, Bharatpur State, Bharatpur. Private practice allowed after hospital hours. The post is a permanent pensionable one. 2161

Wanted:—A Prof. of Civil Engineering for the Engineering College, Muslim University, Aligarh. Salary according to qualifications. Candidates should have a good Degree in Civil Engineering, teaching experience upto degree standard and practical or research experience. (2) Wanted:—Applications are invited for the Lecturer (Gr. I) in Civil Engineering for the College of Engineering and Technology Muslim University Aligarh. Applications should hold a good degree in Civil Engineering and should have teaching experience. Starting salary according to qualifications in the grade of 200-10-350. Applications stating age, academic qualifications, and minimum salary acceptable along with copies of three testimonials and published original work should reach the Registrar Muslim University, Aligarh by the 10th March, 1945. 2161

Applications will be received by the Principal, the National Medical College, Lamington Road, Jetha Street, Bombay 8, for the following posts: A Physician for a combined post of a Tutor in Medicine at the National Medical College and Hon. Assistant Physician to the Nair Hospital Bombay on a conveyance allowance of Rs. 50 P.M. A Surgeon for a combined post of a Tutor in Surgery at the National Medical College and Hon. Assistant Surgeon to the Nair Hospital Bombay on a conveyance allowance of Rs. 50 P.M. 2126

SITUATIONS VACANT

Wanted well-qualified lecturers in all subjects for a first class Arts and Commerce degree College at Calcutta. Apply with copies of certificates and testimonials before 15th March 1945 stating salary acceptable to Box No. 2127, "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted an Experienced Housekeeper for European & Girls Home (Anglican). Apply with full particulars including salary required, experience, etc. to Box No. 2116 "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted a Stores and Purchase Clerk, also Clerks and Medical propagandists for a Big Pharmaceutical Concern. Persons with experience in the line may apply to Box No. 7297, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted one Ayah and one Governess (Hindu preferred) for a Hindu Family to look after boy of 1-1/2 years old. Please apply immediately to Box No. 7292, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted for Bombay Office of old established First Grade Indian Bank Accountants Assistant Accountants, Cashiers, Ledgerkeeper, educated experienced and well-connected preferred. Apply stating salary and three references to Box No. 7306 "Bombay Chronicle"

SITUATIONS WANTED

Peon aged thirty years with 16 years experience in an English Firm knowing filing, despatching and Telephone Operation. Studied up to sixth standard, desires a permanent post with good prospects. Write Box No. 7307, "Bombay Chronicle."

Attorney's experienced Typist open for Job or part-time work. Apply Box No. 7308, "Bombay Chronicle".

NURSES & SISTERS

Qualified Nurses, Hindus and Christians available any moment, Relief Association. Telephone 34479. 1852

FLATS WANTED

Wanted a decent Flat or a Block anywhere in Bombay or suburbs for family by Officer in well-known commercial Firm, educated in England. Will consider sharing Flat Vegetarian. Apply Box No. 7289, "Bombay Chronicle"

HOTELS (IN UPCOUNTRY)

Deolali Grand Hotel. Good Rooms Available. All Home Comforts and Conveniences. Cuisine Unsurpassed. Charges Moderate. Please Apply Manager. 7187

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BOOKS & MAGAZINES

Magazines—Foreign and Indian, choose from 150 different publications covering all subjects. Latest copies Allied Circulating Library, King's Circle, Matunga. 7318

Earn Rs. Six daily. Buy Easy Cotton Calculation Book at Rs. 4, Fulgaliwala Ahmed Bldg., Golpitha, Bombay. 7328

LOANS & MORTGAGES

Wanted. Finance for Film Production Rupees Two Lakhs required on interest and royalty basis only for six months to complete and incomplete picture of a sound reliable and capable Producer. Box No. 7323, "Bombay Chronicle."

PROPERTIES WANTED

Good Rent-Yielding Cinema Theatres. Immediate full details essential. Box 7326, "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted to purchase a residential Bungalow with compound in good locality. Meet or communicate Messrs. Baakza & Sons, Nawab Building, 327, Hornby Road, opp. Thomas Cook & Sons, Fort Bombay. 7315

PROPERTY FOR SALE

Excellent opportunity for capital investment. An Established well-paying running concern for sale. An up-to-date Dairy with ice plants Pasteriser, Cold Storage, Butter Making Plant, etc., centrally situated in the City with all modern convenience of transport, etc. is available for sale with goodwill. Owner wishes to retire. Brokers need not apply. Apply for further particulars:—Secretary G. P. O. Box No 1322, Bombay. 7304

Plots for sale at Hill Station, Lonavla and Khandala for erecting Bungalows, Hotels, Electric water pipes, Telephone Wadekar, Wadekar's Bungalow, Lonavla Poona. 7329

AGENTS WANTED

Wanted Agents for Bombay Presidency. Manufacturers of all varieties of Scientific Glass Wares such as Vaccine Plates, Ampoules Tubes, etc., etc Apply to Box No. 7321 "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted Dt. Agents for our novel, unbreakable slates. Send Rs. 3/- towards sample set and particulars. Parisramika Grandhamala; Akidu (S. India) 7332

BUSINESS OFFER

Wanted to become Partner in any new or running business. Profit immaterial but capital must be safe. Apply Box No. 7223 "Bombay Chronicle".

MACHINERY WANTED.

Wanted Edge-runners, Grinding Cylinders, Filter Presses, Pugmills Jiggers and Brick-presses, new or Second-hand. Write with full particulars and price to Box No. 2135, "Bombay Chronicle" 7327

PUBLIC NOTICES

M. & S. M. RAILWAY—TENDER

THE CHIEF ENGINEER invites sealed tenders for the Maintenance contract for the length from Hubli (exclusive) to Gadag (inclusive) on the Metre Gauge comprising Permanent Way Section Annigeri on Hubli District.

Tender form can be obtained from the Chief Engineer, M. & S. M. Railway, Madras, on payment of Rs. 10/- which will not be refundable. Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 500/-.

Tenders should be superscribed "Tender for Maintenance contract—Annigeri Section, Hubli District" and submitted so as to reach the Chief Engineer, M. & S. M. Railway, Madras, not later than 12 noon on Tuesday the 13th March, 1945. 2130

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED before 25th February 1945 for the temporary post of Assistant Statistician, Finance Department (Supply), Bombay, in the scale of Rs. 300-20-600. Qualifications—Honours Degree in statistics, or M.Sc. or Ph.D. (Science) degree with special training in statistical methods and good administrative capacity. Preference will be given to candidates with sound knowledge of agricultural statistics. Higher starting salary may be sanctioned according to qualifications and experience. Candidates should state the minimum salary acceptable.

Establishment Officer,
Finance Department (Supply),
Secretariat, Fort, Bombay.
(2149)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEFENCE DEPARTMENT

WANTED

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the following posts in the temporary establishment for Government Service in Kirkee for Laboratory and Technical Office Work on ammunition.

POST	RATE OF PAY.
Chargeman	Rs. 170-10-250 Plus overtime pay averaging 25% for extra hours worked and Dearness Allowance in accordance with existing regulations.
Supervisor	'A' Grade Rs. 155-5-200 'B' Grade Rs. 105-5-150 'C' Grade Rs. 70-5-100 Plus overtime pay averaging 25% for extra hours worked and Dearness Allowance in accordance with existing regulations.

QUALIFICATIONS:—

Candidates should be Graduates, preferably in Engineering, Chemistry or Physics with practical experience in Workshops or Laboratory practice. Candidates, according to their experience and qualifications, may be offered a rate of pay above the initial pay of the grade and will be graded as 'A' 'B' or 'C' according to their qualifications and previous experience.

NOTES:—

(1) Candidates must be prepared to come to Kirkee for an interview, if called, AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE, and when so called, no guarantee of employment is implied.

(2) No residential quarters can be provided to candidates selected for the posts and they will be required to make their own arrangements for accommodation.

APPLICATIONS with copies of testimonials and character certificates should reach the Chief Inspector of Ammunition, Kirkee on or before the 28th FEBRUARY 1945. Envelopes should be superscribed "EMPLOYMENT". Candidates not selected will not be given a reply. 2128

NOTICE.

TO LET 6 large open storage plots, each admeasuring about 1200 square yards, at the junction of Frere Road and Thana Street. Apply to the undersigned.

Dated this 14th day of February, 1945.

AMBUBHAI & DIWANJI,
Attorneys-at-law.
Lentin Chambers,
Dalal Street,
Fort, Bombay. (2156)

AGENCIES WANTED

Wanted Agencies by Leading Firm. Manufacturers and Importers desiring to appoint Sole Distributors for any products for the Nizam's Dominions may communicate immediately with full particulars and terms to Box No. 7330, "Bombay Chronicle."

MISCELLANEOUS ADLETS

Those who are interested in mining concerns should see Messrs. Baakza & Sons, Nawab Building, 327, Hornby Road opp. Thomas Cook & Sons. 7316

MISCELLANEOUS WANTED

Wanted Zinc Plates. Apply Famous Cine Litho Works 40B Clerk Road, Jacob Circle Bombay. 7322

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Handmade Paper for Artists available at Handmade Paper Distributing Co., Prospect Chambers Annexe, third floor, Hornby Road. 7322

PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY

Office of the Controller of Supplies (Disposals)
Strand House, Graham Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

AUCTION NOTICE.

The following public auction sales will be held during the month of February 1945.

LOCATION	DATE.	TIME.	STORES OFFERED FOR SALE
1. P. S D. Haji Bunder Sewree, Bombay.	19-2-45	10-30 A.M.	Misc. General Stores & M.T. parts.
2. M. T. Breakdown Depot Nasik Road.	20-2-45.	10-30 A.M.	M.T. Parts.
3. Salvage Sub Depot, Nasik Road.	21-2-45.	10-30 A.M.	Misc. General Stores
4. Army Salvage Depot Ghorpuri.	21-2-45.	10-30 A.M.	Misc. General Stores
5. Govt. Timber Salvage Depot, Matunga	22-2-45	10-30 A.M.	Timber recovered from packing cases.
6. Salvage Sub Depot, Trimulgherry, Secunderabad (Dn.)	22-2-45.	10-30 A.M.	Misc. General Stores
7. M. T. Breakdown Depot, Trimulgherry, Secunderabad (Dn.)	23-2-45.	10-30 A.M.	M.T. Parts.
8. M. T. Breakdown Depot, Dehu Road.	24-2-45.	11 A.M.	M. T. Parts.

2. The materials to be auctioned can be viewed at site by previous arrangement with the Officer's in charge of the Depots concerned.

3. Terms and conditions governing the auction sales will be announced by the Government Auctioneers prior to the commencement of the auctions. 2140

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

NOTICE.

THE FOLLOWING PLOTS will be put to Public Auction by the undersigned in his office at 2-30 p. m. (S. T.) on the dates menticned against them:—

Scheme.	Estate or locality.	Plot No.	Approximate area in Sq. yds.	User.	Deposit payable	Date of Auction.
EX-TRUST LAND TO BE SOLD OUTRIGHT.						
Land at Bombay Agra Road, Kurla.			16,545	Unrestricted	Rs. 3,000	21-2-45
EX-TRUST PLOTS TO BE LEASED.						
47.	Guzribazar. Near Byculla Rly. Station.	9 (Together with 2 bldgs. which will be allowed to be retained for 20 years)	486	Shops, Offices Godowns and Residences.	3.000	-do-
37.	Sydenham Road	4 and 5 (Together with building known as "Patka-Mansion")	820	-do-	10,000	-do-
6	Sion-Matunga (East)	50	747	-do-	1,000	22-2-45
6	Sion-Matunga (East)	51	487	-do-	1,000	-do-
6	Sion-Matunga (East)	69	849	-do-	1,000	-do-
60	Naigaum	170	1,055	-do-	1,000	-do-

Parties desiring to bid at the auction will have, prior to the auction to deposit with the Municipality the amount mentioned against each plot. If payment is to be made by cheques they should be sent at least 3 days prior to the date of auction. No cheques will be accepted on the date of auction except from recognised Architects or Brokers. An unsuccessful bidder for a plot can avail himself of his deposit for bidding for the next plot. A successful bidder, however, will have to pay a fresh deposit before bidding for the next plot. The deposit will be forfeited if the approved bidder withdraws his bid.

Copies of full particulars of auction and special conditions relating to the plots to be leased or sold together with a site plan will be supplied on application to the undersigned on payment of Annas Eight in each case.

The buildings can be inspected on any day as they are tenanted.

The conditions of the lease as also of sale and other particulars can be inspected at the office of the undersigned during office hours on any working day except Saturday.

A. R. MANERIKAR,
Estate Agent & Land Manager.
Bombay, Dated: 12-2-45.
(2155)

LABOUR WELFARE DEPARTMENT

GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following posts:

(1) One Assistant Labour Welfare Officer in the grade of Rs. 100-15-2-160.

(2) One Office Superintendent in the grade of Rs. 100-5-140.

(3) One Store-keeper in the grade of Rs. 50-5-2-90 E.B.-5-140.

(4) One Junior Clerk in the grade of Rs. 50-5-2-90.

Dearness Allowance at the rates in force will also be paid.

QUALIFICATIONS: Only Honours graduates in Economics should apply for the first two posts. Preference for the first post will be given to an all-round sportsman. Only persons having passed the Matriculation or the Senior Cambridge Examination should apply for the third and fourth posts. Men with experience of store-keeping will be given preference for the third post. No persons whose domicile is not the Province of Bombay will be considered.

Application by letter only should be forwarded to the Labour Officer, Bombay, i/c Labour Welfare Department, DeLisle Road, Bombay 11, on or before the 1st March, 1945.

Personal canvassing of any kind will disqualify a candidate.

N. A. MEHRBAN,
Labour Officer, Bombay.
(2163)

NOTICE.

THE APOLLO MILLS, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 37 of Indian Companies Act, 1913, that the Register of Members of the abovenamed Company will be closed from Friday, the 2nd day of March, 1945, till Thursday, the 22nd day of March 1945, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
For and on behalf of the
Agents,
The Rajputana Textiles (Agencies) Ltd.,
GOKALCHAND DWARKADAS MORARKA,
Managing Director.
DeLisle Road, Chinchpokli,
Bombay,
15-2-1945. (2153)

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

SUBURBAN TRAIN SERVICE

IT IS NOTIFIED that 346 Up Kalyan local leaving Kalyan at 23-05 Hrs. on 17th February 1945, will NOT halt at Sandhurst Road. (2169)

GOVT. OF INDIA WAR DEPTT.

Office of the Contr. of Inspn.
I.S.D. Inspn. Circle, Bombay.

WANTED

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from Male and Female Candidates for the following temporary posts:—

(I) Routine Division Clerks
(II) Typists.

in the scale of pay Rs. 60-4-100-3-160 (Old) and Rs. 50-60-2-60 (New).

In the case of new entrants the starting salary of Candidates having one year's previous clerical or typing experience will be fixed at Rs. 60/- in the grade of Rs. 60-2-80.

Old scale of pay is applicable to those in continuous Government service prior to 16-7-1931.

Minimum qualification required both for Clerks and Typists, is Matriculation. This stipulation will be relaxed in case of Typists only.

Typing speed must not be less than 35 words per minute.

Age limit: 18 to 25 years, but can be waived in deserving cases especially in the case of Muslims and members of Scheduled Castes.

The above posts carry the following allowances:

(1) Dearness Allowance (at present Rs. 18/- p. m.).

(2) House Rent Allowance which will be equal to the excess of the monthly rent actually paid by the Government servant over 10 per cent of monthly pay but subject to a minimum of 10 per cent of monthly pay.

No travelling allowance is admissible for interview or for joining the appointments.

Applications in Candidates own handwriting should be submitted to the Controller of Inspection, I.S.D. Inspection Circle, Feltham House, Graham Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, stating age, Nationality, Educational qualifications, etc. (2152)

PUBLIC NOTICES

ROYAL INDIAN NAVY

WANTED A STENOGRAPHER (male or Female) with minimum speed of 100 and 50 words per minute in shorthand and typewriting respectively.

Pay Rs. 125 p.m. Rs. 125-5-180-10-280 plus Dearness Allowance of Rs. 18 p.m. House Rent and Conveyance Allowances.

Applications in writing stating age, qualifications, and previous experience should be addressed to:—

The Chief Superintendent,
Royal Indian Navy Office,
Mint Road, Bombay.
(Closing Date 25-2-45.)
2172

LOST

POLICIES Nos. W/162536 & W/162537 dated 29th October 1910 for Rs. 1,000/- (Rupees one thousand each) granted by the Phoenix Assurance Company, Limited, on the life of Ardeshir Dadabhoy Printer. Will any person having information regarding the above, kindly communicate with the Phoenix Assurance Company, Limited, P. O. Box 68, Lucknow. (7324)

ROYAL INDIAN NAVY

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the posts of Lower Division Clerks from candidates who have passed the Matriculation Examination and possess a minimum speed in Typewriting of 35 words per minute.

Pay Rs. 59/- per month in the scale of Rs. 55-3-80-E. B.-4-120 plus Dearness Allowance of Rs. 18/- per month, plus House Rent and Conveyance Allowances as admissible at present.

Applications in writing, stating age, qualifications, and previous experience, if any, should be addressed to:—

THE NAVAL STORE OFFICER,
H.M.I. Dockyard,
Bombay.
(Closing date: 24th February 1945).
(2170)

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED to fill two existing vacancies of Steno-typists in the Grainshop Department, Bombay, in the grade of Rs. 70-5-80 plus 15 per cent Local allowance and Rs. 18 Dearness Allowance.

Minimum educational qualifications required are Matriculation or Junior Cambridge or equivalent Examination. Age should not be less than 18 and more than 25 on 15th February 1945.

Applications should be on the prescribed form which is available on payment of Re. 1/- plus postage. Applications, together with copies of certificates should be sent to the Controller of Grainshops, B. B. & C. I. Railway, Bombay by the 28th February, 1945. 2159

THE MORARJEE GOCULDAS SPG. & WVG. CO., LTD.

NOTICE

Re: Closure of Transfer books and payment of AD-INTERIM (116TH) DIVIDEND.

AT A MEETING of the Board of Directors of the Company held on 13th February, 1945, it was resolved to pay an ad interim dividend at Rs. 12/- (Rupees Twelve only) per share for six months ended 31st December, 1944, to those shareholders whose names stand on the register of the company in the evening of Thursday, the 8th March, 1945. Transfer Books of the company will remain closed from Friday, 9th March, 1945 to SATURDAY, 24th March 1945, both days inclusive.

Dividend will be paid on and from 2nd April, 1945. Dividend warrants will be posted to the registered addresses of the Shareholders. Change of address, if any should be notified immediately.

By order of
The Board of Directors.
GANESHNARAYAN PIRAMAL,
Agents.
14th Feb. 45.
Soparibaug Road,
Parel, Bombay 12. 2158.

TENDER NOTICE.

THE DIVISIONAL ENGINEER, G.I.P. Rly. Bombay, invites tenders upto 12 hours on 24-2-45 for painting of water tanks on Byculla Sub-Division. The form of Tender Schedule and Conditions of Contract can be obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 2/- per set. This sum will not be refunded. (2162)

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

WANTED a "FIRE SUPERINTENDENT" for the Fire Service of this Railway.

Pay Rs. 350/- (fixed) (Revised Scale) plus allowances admissible under the Rules. Headquarters Ratlam. Rent free quarters not admissible.

Applicants must have experience in fire fighting and management of Trailer Pumps.

For further particulars apply to the Deputy General Manager, (Grain Shops), B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY, Churchgate. (2168)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

THE INDIA UNITED MILLS, LTD.

SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 31600 of the abovementioned Company for 100 deferred Shares No. 2309762-2309861, standing in the name of late Mr. DEVSHI BHANJI SHAH has been LOST and the undersigned has applied to the Company for the issue of duplicate of the said share certificate.

Any person having any objection to the India United Mills Ltd., issuing duplicate of the said share certificate should lodge objection with the Company at its registered office at E. D. Sassoon Building, Dougall Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay within one month from this date, otherwise the company will proceed to issue the duplicate share certificate.

LAXMICHAND DEVSHI,
Messrs. DHARAMSEY & MEHTA
Advocates for Laxmichand Devshi
Dated: 14-2-45
2142

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NOORJEHAN BEGUM alias KHOORSHIDJEHAN BEGUM, of Bombay Muslim Inhabitant, has agreed to sell to our client the undermentioned property. All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howscever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Examiner Press Building, 2nd Floor, No. 35, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, WITHIN 14 DAYS from the date hereof; otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived:

PARTICULARS OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land or ground with the building standing thereon known as Sultan Baugh and situate at Worli Estate of the Bombay Municipality Scheme No. 52 Plot No. 10 in Bombay in the Registration District and Sub-District of Bombay containing by admeasurement 2023 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Cadastral Survey No. 735 of Worli Division and assessed by the Bombay Municipality under 'G' Ward No. 366(5), Street No. 268-D Worli Road and bounded towards the East by Plot No. 14A, on or towards the West partly by Worli Sea-face Road and partly by a Durgah, on or towards the North by Plot No. 9A and on or towards the South by Plot No. 10A.

Dated this 15th day of February, 1945.

TAHER & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(2154)

AUCTION SALES

BONA FIDE—SALE

AUCTION SALE TO-MORROW SUNDAY at 10-30 a.m. Property of a European gentleman and others at Chowpatty Seaface near Vianellis Restaurant of complete household and office furniture dining table chairs, side board, cabinet, show case, Chesterfield sets, Zoola, sofa cabinet, Zoonda almirah, dressing table, almirah bed, mirror door steel almirah, Singer machine safes, Typewriter, writing tables, book case, large G. E. ice box, roll top table, glass crockery, etc. T. 40213.

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